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March 19, 2024 Page 5 communicating okay. Just because of the technology Do you understand that? 2 Yes. and because of the way I ask questions, sometimes I Α. 3 trail off. Please recognize that, and try to wait Q. And do you understand that I'm here to 3 4 take your deposition and talk to you about the 4 for the end of my question. 5 5 opinions that you've rendered that bear on my I recognize that the way I ask questions clients? 6 can be difficult because I change direction in the 6 7 Α. Yes. middle, but let's try not to speak over one another. 8 Q. Do you understand that? 8 And if we do, we'll try to make it clear for the 9 Yes. 9 record. 10 10 Q. And I received a report dated Okay? 11 11 February 7, 2024, that I'm told contains your Α. Okay. 12 opinions relevant to the matter; is that true? 12 So you're located where at the moment, 13 Α. Yes. 13 sir? Is that your complete and final 14 I am in Idaho Falls, Idaho. 14 Q. statement of opinions? 15 And you're located in the court 15 16 Α. Yes. 16 reporter's office there, correct? 17 Q. Can we rely on your written report as 17 A. Yes. introducing and explaining your opinions relevant to 18 And the court reporter is located with 19 the matter? 19 you, correct? 20 20 A. Yes. Α. 21 And we were given your curriculum vitae 21 And there's no one else in the room? 22 22 as well, and I think that's dated June 20, 2023. A. No. 23 23 Are there any significant changes to Q. And did you meet with anybody by Zoom, 24 your curriculum vitae since June 2023? 24 in person, or telephone to prepare for the 25 The only significant change is that I am 25 deposition? Page 8 now the president of the American College of 1 I met with Mr. Weil yesterday. Correctional Physicians rather than the president 2 And how long did you meet with him? 2 3 elect. 3 Α. About six hours. 4 Q. 4 Q. Thank you. And was that by Zoom? 5 And when did your term start, and when 5 Α. Yes. does your term end? 6 6 Q. And have you had previous Zoom meetings A. My term started the first week of 7 with Mr. Weil? 7 8 September, and it will end in two years from then. 8 Relevant to this case, yes. 9 Q. And how long have you been a member of 9 O. How many? the Board of the American College of Correctional 10 I'm not sure. Most of our 10 11 Physicians? 11 communications have been by phone, but we've had a couple of Zoom meetings, so maybe two. 12 I've been the member of the board for 12 13 approximately eight years. 13 And approximately how many phone calls 14 Q. Are there any physicians employed by 14 have you had with Mr. Weil about the case to date? Advance Correctional Health Care on the board of the 15 Α. Five-ish. 15 And, sir, you were asked to bring American College of Correctional Physicians? Do you 16 16 17 know? Do you know? 17 certain things to the deposition, correct? 18 No. There are not. 18 Α. Yes. 19 Are you familiar with any physicians 19 And were you shown a Notice of that are employed by Advance Correctional Health 20 20 Deposition that had a duces tecum or list of things 21 that we asked you to bring to the deposition? 21 Care? 22 No. I may be, but I can't think of any 22 Α. Yes. 23 off the top of my head. 23 Q. And we asked you to bring your entire Right. Fair enough. file on which you formed the basis for your 24 24 25 So far we can hear each other, and we're 25 opinions, correct?



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15 Q. Did you print at any time medical 16 records that you reviewed in the case? 17 No. Not that I recall.

18 And so do you work off a laptop when you Q. 19 review medical records for this type of work?

20 A. I have a laptop and a desk top, and I 21 use both.

22 Q. And you're capable of reviewing the 23 records that you reviewed in this case on the laptop 24 if necessary, right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Did you bring the laptop to the 2 deposition? 3 A. No.

4 Were you told not to bring the laptop to 5 the deposition?

6 Α. No. I was not told not to bring the 7 laptop.

8 Q. So you know that we're going to be talking about more than twenty inmates today. If I 9 10 ask you questions about particular facts and 11 circumstances of those inmates, you would not be

12 able to reference the record and identify by page 13 number, or any other way, the source of the facts

14 that you're asserting, true?

15 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: No. I do not have the 16 17 original medical records with me. I have only my report. 18

19 (BY MR. KNOTT:) Is it fair to say, as

20 you sit here today, you don't have a sufficient 21 recollection of the facts on each and every case

22 such that you could testify to a reasonable degree

23 of medical probability about those facts? 24 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

25 THE WITNESS: I have my report, and that

20 MR. WEIL: Doug, do you want to discuss 21 that right now, Doug, or -- the documents that were 22 provided to Dr. Keller are predominantly drop boxes

with a deposition where the witness has not brought

the materials requested and is unable to have a

dialogue about the source of facts with respect to

these more than twenty witnesses that he's -- are

23 so on my Dropbox. We can provide those -- the

inmates that he's going to discuss, so --

24 documents we sent you have links to those drop

25 boxes, and so they're all accessible to you now, and

Page 10 that's the method by which we're providing the

> documents you're requesting. 2

3 So if Dr. Keller has a screen, he could 4 look up any document that you're asking about in the 5 records we've provided.

6 MR. KELLER: But he's not able to locate a record if I ask him to in his file, which is the 8 purpose of the request, you know.

9 Dr. Bentley sat there with the report in front of her and couldn't speak to the facts of the 10 case in order to give us sources, and I think that 12 was an unfair situation for us, and I think you've 13 put us in the same situation.

The Notice of Deposition doesn't ask that he bring -- that you provide it to me. It asks that the witness have it with him at the deposition.

MR. WEIL: And I think in the context of an online deposition like that that's a little --18 that's fairly unclear in the situation. I mean, we could go off the record and figure out if there's a computer that we can send the link to Dr. Keller, 22 and he can just look at the pages there on the Dropbox.

As you know, there are thousands of 25 pages of records. I don't know if you expected



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Page 13 Dr. Keller to print every single page out and come 2 down with boxes of documents or what --

3 MR. KNOTT: I expected Dr. Keller to

have some facility in locating, in identifying the

5 factual basis for some of his statements, so --

6 MR. WEIL: In an online situation like

that, that's a little unclear here. I think -- I'll

8 let you finish, Doug.

9 MR. KNOTT: Is there a laptop that the

10 doctor can locate, or should we adjourn this and

continue when he's got access to the records that 11

12 he's going to be citing.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Counsel, can we go

14 off the record?

15 (A brief recess was had.)

16 MR. KNOTT: Let's go back on the record.

17 Well, we took a break while the court

reporter located a laptop, and we have been working 18

19 through the process of Dr. Keller getting access to

the Dropbox links with the medical records relevant 20

21 to the case.

22 (BY MR. KNOTT:) By the way, Doctor,

23 what time is it there?

24 It is 10:34 a.m.

25 And my understanding is that your A. Yes.

2 MR. KNOTT: And we'll have that marked.

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3 I think we're up to Exhibit 88.

4 (Exhibit 88 was marked for

5 identification.)

> (BY MR. KNOTT:) Can you tell me when Q.

you first started work on the matter, Doctor?

8 About a year ago.

Does it have a date on your invoice?

10 Α. The first date on the invoice is

2-11-23. 11

12 Q. And can you tell me the amount of your

13 charges so far?

14 Nineteen thousand, two hundred and fifty

15 dollars.

16 Q. And what is the date of your invoice?

17 Α. February 12th, 2024.

And has the invoice that you've been 18

19 issued been paid?

20 Α.

21 Do you have some agreement with

22 plaintiff's counsel on the timing of payment?

23 A. I received an e-mail a couple of days

24 ago saying that they -- it had been approved for

25 payment, but that I had -- they didn't have my W-9,

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deposition was noticed for 10:00 a.m. Central. 1

2 Did you receive a notice that said it

was scheduled for --3

4 Well, I -- whether I made a mistake or

5 not, I thought it was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. my

6 time.

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7 Q. Gotcha.

All right. I just want to make sure

9 that we note that in case there's an issue down the

10 road.

11 So, Doctor, my understanding from our

brief conversation before the deposition started was 12

13 that you brought your report into the room, right?

14 Yes.

15 Q. And you brought Dr. Bentley's report?

16 Yes. Α.

17 And can you tell me the date of

Dr. Bentley's report? 18

19 A. Dr. Bentley's report is dated

20 February 2nd, 2024.

21 Q. And you brought with you to the room an

22 invoice for your services?

23 Α. Yes.

24 Q. Is that the only invoice you've issued

25 to date?

so I sent them a W-9.

2 Q. And this is a very recent

communication? 3

Yes. 4 Α.

Q. All right. Any other documents you

brought in the room? 6

7 A. I have a list of my depositions for the

8 last five years.

And that consists of six cases; is that 9 Q.

right? 10

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11 A. Yes.

How many depositions have you given in

13 your lifetime, sir?

14 Α. Maybe eight. A couple more in addition

to these. 15

16 Q. All right. Do you continue to practice

17 medicine, sir?

18 I do clinical shifts in local jails

occasionally, maybe once every three to six months 19

20 when I'm asked to do so by the -- to help out.

21 And what jail is that?

22 A. When I do clinical shifts they are at

23 the Bonneville County Jail in Idaho Falls, the

24 Jefferson County Jail, and the Madison County

25 Jail.



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2	working for a private company, or are you working	2	THE COURT REPORTER: Not really. You're
3	for the government entities?	3	quiet.
4	A. When I do those shifts, I'm working for	4	MR. WEIL: Okay.
5	Ivy Medical.	5	THE COURT REPORTER: Still quiet.
6	Q. And do you have an ownership interest in	6	MR. WEIL: How about this?
7	Ivy Medical?	7	THE COURT REPORTER: Still quiet.
8	A. No.	8	MR. WEIL: I'll make sure I speak up.
9	Q. And is that Ivy like the plant?	9	THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.
10	A. Yes.	10	THE WITNESS: Would you repeat the
11	Q. You're a fellow in the American College	11	question, please.
12	of Correctional Physicians	12	Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) It's all right. I'm
13	A. Yes.	13	going to move on.
14	Q correct?	14	Can you tell me how you spend your
15	A. Yes.	15	professional time currently?
16	Q. And what does it require to become a	16	A. Most of the time I spend currently is
17	fellow in the American College of Correctional	17	working as the president of the American College of
18	Physicians?	18	Correctional Physicians. I also do some expert
19	A. One has to be a member of the college	19	legal consulting on a few cases, this being one of
20	for four years, have been active participant in	20	them.
21	college activities such as committees, board,	21	Q. So approximately how many hours a week
22	education, and have board certification in some	22	are you devoting to professional activities?
23	other specialty.	23	A. Somewhere in the neighborhood of ten to
24	Q. Do you know how many fellows there are	24	
25	in the American College of Correctional	25	Q. And how long has it been since you had a
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- 2 exclusively medical/legal consulting?
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 And other than medical/legal consulting
- 5 and the shifts that you handle on an irregular basis
- for Ivy, do you have any other sources of
- professional income currently?
 - A. I published a book, and I get a little
- 9 bit of money from sales of the book.
- 10 And how many copies of your book have
- 11 you sold?

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- 12 Α. Approximately one thousand.
- 13 It's published directly to Kindle; is
- that correct? 14
- 15 Well, it's directly published both to
- 16 Kindle and hard -- hard paperback copy.
- 17 Okay. So the publisher is Amazon Kindle
- 18 direct publishing, and it is available in a hard
- 19 back?
- 20 Α. Well, paperback, yes.
- 21 Q. I'm sorry. Paperback?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- Yes? 23 Q.
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 Q. You're -- what is the activity you

- just requires very little work.
- 2 And is Med Page today devoted
- exclusively to correctional health care? 3
 - Α. No.
- 5 Q. Is your participation focus on
- correctional health care? 6
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 Q. You have a personal blog at
- jailmedicine.com; is that correct? 9
- 10 I had, in the past, that blog. It no
- longer exists. 11
- 12 Q. It's no longer active?
- 13 Correct.
- And that when I tried to visit that 14
- domain, it was not available. Is that -- is that --15
- 16 was your domain taken down?
 - Α. Yes.
- And you published two hundred forty 18 Q.
- 19 articles on jailmedicine.com?
 - Approximately, yes.
- 21 Is there a reason why you no longer hold
- 22 the domain?
- 23 When I retired two and a half years ago,
- 24 I decided to retire from writing the blog. So I
- gave the blog to the -- and the domain to the

- perform for the American Medical Association Guides
- Panel? What is that? 2
- 3 A. Well, I've retired from that. That's
- another change in my resume, I guess. But the
- guides panel published the AMA Disability Guides,
- Guides to Disability, and the panel met monthly to
- discuss changes in the guides, and I was --7
- 8 Guides being some kind of publication?
- 9 Α. Pardon?
- 10 Guides being some type of publication?
- 11 A. Yes. There are several publications;
- but, basically, they have to do with guides to 12
- 13 disability determinations, how to do a disability
- 14 determination.
- 15 Was that, at some point in your career,
- a significant part of your professional 16
- activities? 17
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 The -- your CV lists the Editorial Board
- 20 of Med Page today.
- 21 Is that still active?
- 22 A. Yes. I believe I'm still on the
- 23 editorial board, but it requires very little work.
- You're not sure? 24
- 25 No. I'm on the editorial board. It

- Page 24 American College of Correctional Physicians. They
- published maybe three or four articles, and then
- they basically let it die, and didn't pay the bills.
- And I considered trying to resurrect it, but I
- decided not to.
- 6 Do you have access to the two hundred
- and forty articles that you published?
- 8 A. No. I have access to about one hundred
- 9 of them.
- Q. Do you know if you've ever written a 10
- 11 blog post or article or a book chapter or any other
- form of writing on diagnosis of chest pain in a
- 13 correctional setting?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 \circ And where did you address that?
- 16 I've addressed that in lectures, and I
- 17 don't know if I've written a blog post or an article
- in a book about it. I can't remember off the top of 18
- my head whether I have. 19
- 20 Q. What lectures come to mind that you
- 21 addressed diagnosis of chest pain in a correctional
- 22 setting?
- 23 A. I believe I gave a lecture at the
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care. I
- don't know, ten, fifteen, years ago.



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10 Q. And that when was that, sir, if you

11 remember?

12 Approximately fifteen years ago.

So at that time were you the only 13

14 physician covering seventeen facilities?

15 Α. Yes.

All right. And were there weeks when 16

17 you as a physician did not visit those facilities,

18 each of those facilities?

19 Α. Yes.

20 Can you tell me the largest number of

21 beds at a facility where Badger Correctional

22 provided the services?

23 Α. Five hundred.

24 Q. And what county was that, sir?

25 **Bonneville County.**

all the -- everything that they were supposed to do 10

11 as part of their job.

12 Q. Did you provide them any training on

13 aspects of the jail population that might be unique

14 to the jail practice in medicine as opposed to the

15 practice of medicine outside?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And what did you provide them in that

18 regard?

19 A. One, jail patient -- you cannot fire

20 jail patients, and jail patients can't fire you.

21 So I taught them techniques of what I

22 call verbal Jujitsu which is how to defuse

23 confrontations and maintain a physician/patient

24 relationship.

25 Two, I taught them that you have to be



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fair. Outside medicine is not fair, but in a jail

2 vou have to be fair.

3 Three, I taught them that patients in a iail were -- often had not had medical care before

5 they came to jail, and so especially at the

beginning of their incarceration, they needed --

many of them needed extra attention.

8 I taught them that -- that they needed

to be careful of the disease processes that were 9

most likely to result in patient deaths such as

11 suicide, withdrawal, diabetic problems, chest pain.

12 I taught them that -- I taught them how

13 to -- what was expected of them when they got calls

from nurses, and how and when to call me.

15 I taught them how to interact with 16 security staff deputies.

17 That's probably not all of it.

18 When you say you taught them how to

19 interact with you, it's an acceptable process in

correctional medicine for a nurse to do an interview 20

and assessment of a patient and for the doctor to 21

22 give orders based on the information relayed by the

23 nurse; is that true?

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24 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

25 Go ahead and answer. 1 practice?

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2 A. Would you rephrase that? I think I hear

you asking how would that be handled, and would that

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have been handled in one of my jails.

Is that correct?

Q. That's correct.

What I'm trying to get at is if the

8 inmate reports a symptom and there's not a nurse

available, how is that new event relayed to the

10 physician?

A. Well, the first call usually would be

12 from the security staff to the nurse who would then

13 go to the jail and do a patient assessment. And

then the nurse would always, there was no option not

to, would always call the practitioner on call, and

16 then a decision would be made.

A patient could be sent to the ER at any

18 time before the nurse came or when the nurse got

19 there, but once the nurse did the assessment and

20 called the practitioner, a decision would be made

21 whether to send the patient to the ER.

22 Or the practitioner goes into the jail

and sees the patient personally, or this can wait

24 until reassessment tomorrow, a secondary assessment

tomorrow by the nurse, and the practitioner would

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. That is true, just as it is in outside medicine. 2

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And are you aware of

the facilities other than Monroe County jail where

the correctional officers are engaged in the process

of gathering information from the inmate in an

organized way so that they can report it to the 7

on-call physician in circumstances there's not a

9 nurse or a doctor in the facility?

10 A. No. That was something new to me that I 11 had not encountered before.

12 Did you work for Badger Correctional --

13 did you work at facilities that did not staff

14 nursing 24/7?

15 A. Yes.

16 And they didn't have practitioners

17 available 24/7?

A. They always had practitioners available 18

19 24/7 on an on-call basis. They had nurses and

20 practitioners that were available to all facilities

21 24/7 on a call-back basis.

22 So in a facility in which there's not a

23 nurse available, say in the evening hours, and a

patient reports a new symptom, say, a severe

25 dizziness, how is the doctor alerted in your

Page 32 always see that patient, always, always, but at the

latest would be at the next scheduled clinic.

So in your practice, there's never

direct communication between the security staff and

you the physician?

6 A. They could call me, but would not give

them orders over the phone. I would just say: You

have a choice to make whether to send the patient to

the ER or to wait for the nurse to get there, which

10 is usually about twenty minutes, and it's a call you

11 have to make.

symptoms?

12 I mean, that's the training I would give

13 them. I gave officers training, too.

14 And the training was that they should contact the nurse first with any report of new 15

17 A. They could call me -- they could call

18 the practitioner as well, and they could call me.

19 And I did receive calls from jail

20 security staff over the years, and most of the time

21 if they were so concerned about a patient that they

22 called -- that they bypassed the nurse, bypassed the petitioner, and called me directly, I would say send

24 them to an ER.

25 But the practice and protocol that you



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- trained on, was that the security staff would
- contact the nurse, and the nurse would physically
- report to the jail and do an assessment before any
- decisions were made?

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- A. In most cases, yes.
- Q. And you referenced you trained your
- 7 staff on the art of verbal Jujitsu in order to
- 8 interact with inmates.
- 9 Did I get that correct?
- 10 A. Well, it's not just inmates. This is a
- 11 practice that actually I learned in an emergency
- department. If a patient, as some patients do in 12
- 13 any practice, gets aggressive, then you need to know
- how to deal with that in an effective way. An
- ineffective way is to yell back; for example, don't
- 16 do that. So, yes, I taught that.
- 17 Q. And your initial response said that you
- taught them that it's a no-fire situation. They 18
- 19 can't fire you and you can't fire them.
- 20 And then I think you said so we teach
- them the art of verbal Juiitsu. 21
- 22 Did I have that correct?
- A. 23 Yes.
- 24 And does the manner in which you are
- 25 required to interact with a patient vary for an

- 1 for all patients in similar situations.
- 2 Do you agree with me that a proper
- 3 orientation for health staff to work in a
- correctional facility, should, among other things,

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- focus on the similarities and differences between 5
- 6 providing health care in the community and in a
- 7 correctional setting?
 - MR. WEIL: Objection.
- 9 Go ahead and answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: There are differences
- practicing medicine in a correctional facility 11
- versus the outside, important differences, and those 12
- 13 do need to be addressed in orientation.
- 14 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Did you say the
- 15 important differences need to be addressed in
- 16 orientation?
- 17 A. I said there are differences. There are
- important differences that do need to be addressed 18
- 19 in orientation.
- 20 Q. So do you agree with me that it is
- appropriate for an orientation for health care staff 21
- 22 to focus on the similarities and differences between
- 23 providing health care in the community and in a
- 24 correctional setting?
- 25 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

Page 34 inmate in a jail versus a patient in the ER?

- A. I didn't get that question. Would you 2
- 3 restate it, please.
- 4 Q. Actually, could DiAnn read it back?
- 5 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
- 6 Question, And does the manner in which
- you are required to interact with a patient vary for
- 8 an inmate in a jail versus a patient in the ER?
- 9 THE WITNESS: No. The proper way to
- 10 interact with any patient in any practice setting
- 11 should be about the same.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And you said that you
- trained your employees that they need to be fair in
- that, I think you said, health care outside is not
- fair but it needs to be fair inside? 15
- 16 Yes. Α.
- 17 Q. Did I understand that correctly?
- Yes. 18
- 19 And what did you mean by that, sir?
- 20 Well, as to give one example, some
- 21 patients on the outside don't have insurance, and
- 22 they have lesser access to medical care than people
- 23 who are well insured.
- 24 In a jail, everybody has the same access
- to medical care, and you need to do the same thing

Go ahead and answer.

- 2 THE WITNESS: Well, that's a general
- 3 question, but yes. Practitioners in a jail need to
- know what the differences are and why they're
- 5 important.
- 6 (BY MR. KNOTT:) And one of the things
- you train on are the disease processes that might be
- 8 likely to lead to death in a jail, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- And did you review any training by ACH 10
- 11 for its employees on that topic?
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 And was that training on that topic
- 14 appropriate?
- 15 So training for the -- that was provided
- about chest pain, and other topics that are reviewed 16
- 17 was, for the most part, appropriate.
- 18 Q. So you've included in your report a
- 19 single slide from a presentation called Introduction
- 20 to Correctional Health Care, just so we can exclude
- 21 discussion of the other training, is it fair to say
- 22 you have no criticism of the training provided other
- 23 than that particular topic?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 And your concern about that topic is it



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about this topic about whether incarcerated people 15 16 are different in how they frame complaints than 17 people on the outside, and should they be approached

A. Meaning I've heard other people lecture

differently by medical people as far as judging the

veracity of their complaints. I have heard lectures 19

20 about that.

And when did you hear lectures about 21 Q.

22 that?

23 A. I don't know. I've been going to

lectures at the National Commission on Correctional

Health Care, the -- my organization, the ACCP, the

14 did you use a recorded video?

> Α. No.

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16 Q. Did you reference any written materials

17 as your source?

18 No, other than that they needed to be familiar with the policies and the -- the written 19 policies and procedures of Badger, and also the --20

21 they needed to be -- understand the guidelines of

22 the National Commission on Correctional Health

23 Care.

24 Q. If an entity in correctional health care

complies with National Commission on Correctional



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- 1 Health Care standards, you agree they are generally
- 2 within the standard of care?
- 3 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 4 You can answer.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I think it is a good thing
- 6 to comply with the National Commission on Health
- 7 Care Standards, but just being accredited by the
- 8 National Commission of Correctional Health Care does
- 9 not mean that every single bit of health care that
- 10 is done within that facility meets the standard of
- 11 care.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Did you reference the
- 13 National Committee on Correctional Health Care's
- 14 standard on orientation of health care staff when
- 15 assessing the adequacy of the training by Advance
- 16 Correctional?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Do you believe generally that the
- 19 privatization of health care in jails leads to
- 20 diminished quality of care?
- 21 A. No. Not necessarily.
- 22 Q. Did you, in marketing yourself to
- 23 counties, suggest to the counties that you could
- 24 provide better services and save them money?
- 25 A. Well, my -- I never -- none of the

- 1 quality of care. That's possible.
 - quality of care. That o pocolor
- 2 A. That is possible.
 - MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 4 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) When you took a

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- 5 contract for a county correctional facility for
- 6 Badger Correctional, did the county specify the
- 7 staffing, or did you?
- 8 A. Both. I recommended staffing and
- 9 county's -- county commissioners and sheriffs
- 10 sometimes said no, we don't think it should be
- 11 staffed that much. So sometimes there was a
- 12 compromise on staffing.
- 13 Q. Were there times when the commissioners
- 14 and administrators did not want to adopt your
- 15 recommendation for staffing?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And did you proceed forward with some
- 18 sort of compromise that allowed you to work at that
- 19 facility?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Badger Correctional remained in business
- 22 in 2019 through 2021?
- 23 A. Yes. I believe we ceased operations in
- 24 2021, so from 2019 to 2021, yes.
- 25 Q. Can you tell me how many contracts you
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- 1 contracts that I got, the seventeen contracts that I
- 2 got, were a result of a response to an RFP. They
- 3 were all -- they were all direct, you know, can you
- 4 provide medical care to our county and how much
- 5 would it cost, and that sort of thing.
- 6 But I didn't -- I didn't respond to
- 7 RFPs, so I didn't actually market in the way that
- 8 you're saying.
- 9 Q. Okay. So taking the marketing out of
- 10 it, were you able to provide adequate health care
- 11 while saving the government entity money?
- 12 A. Yes. I did save some of -- some of my
- 13 contracts quite a bit of money.
- 14 Q. And do you believe you did that by
- 15 cutting and diminishing the quality of care?
- 16 A. No. I did that by increasing the
- 17 quality of care.
- 18 Q. While cutting the cost?
- 19 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Well, good medicine is
- 21 cost effective. Bad medicine is expensive, so by
- 22 eliminating bad medicine, you save money overall.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So you admit that
- 24 private health care entities can save a government
- 25 entity money while at the same time improving the

- 1 had for county jails in 2019?
 - 2 A. One, two, three, four, five -- I think
 - 3 five.
 - 4 Q. You counted up to five there, Doctor?
 - 5 A. I believe five.
 - 6 Q. Okay. And did that increase or decrease
- 7 in 2020?
- 8 A. I'm not sure what you're asking.
- 9 Q. Did the number of contracts you had for
- 10 county jails increase or decrease in 2020?
- 11 A. Well, the number -- I didn't add any
- 12 contracts for about the last ten years maybe, so
- 13 they all decreased. So it was always a decrease.
- 14 Why there was a decrease that happened in 2020, I'm
- 15 not sure.
- 16 Q. And did you carry professional liability
- 17 insurance for your entity?
- 18 A. Did I have professional liability
- 19 insurance?
- 20 Q. Yes.
- 21 A. Yes.

- 22 Q. And how did you determine how much
- 23 professional liability insurance you would carry?
 - A. In conversation with my agent.
 - Q. Did the government entities ever specify



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1 the amount of professional liability insurance they

- 2 required for you to have the contract?
- A. Some of them did, but most of the time they required less than what I -- what I had.
- 5 Q. And when you say that some of them
- 6 required less than what you had, can you tell me
- 7 what -- how much professional liability insurance
- 8 you carried in 2020? I'm sorry, 2019.
- 9 A. 2019. I'm not exactly sure how much I
- 10 carried in 2019. It might have been one -- one
- 11 million, three million, but I don't know. It might
- 12 have gone up, so I'm not sure exactly. But that's
- 13 probably what it was.
- 14 Q. So you understood that to be insurance
- 15 coverage against claims by patients, including
- 16 inmates, up to one million per single claim, and
- 17 three million aggregate for a year?
- 18 A. Yeah. We're talking, just to make sure
- 19 we're talking about the same thing, I'm talking
- 20 about malpractice coverage.
- 21 Q. Correct.
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. That's what I mean when I say
- 24 professional liability.
- 25 A. I believe that that is correct.
- Q. And did your professional liability insurance cover you against claims for violation of
- 3 civil rights that might be asserted in federal
- 4 court?
- 5 A. Well, I assume so because I was fully
- 6 covered, according to my agents.
- 7 Q. Do you know who your insurer was?
- 8 A. UMIA, Utah Medical Insurance -- it
- 9 changed names, but I believe the last entity -- it
- 10 was the same insurance all the time, but it changed
- 11 names. The last one was UMIA.
- 12 Q. And in your opinion as the administrator
- 13 of a jail correctional health entity, did you
- 14 believe you were adequately insured?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Did you ever seek to get additional
- 17 liability coverage?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you consciously choose to obtain
- 20 limited liability insurance in order to shift the
- 21 cost of correctional health care off the government
- 22 and onto you?
- 23 A. I don't understand.
- 24 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I don't understand that

1 question.

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- 2 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Did you limit your
- 3 liability coverage to a million dollars so that you
- 4 could make yourself judgment proof?
 - MR. WEIL: Object to form.
 - THE WITNESS: No.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) At the peak of your
- 3 work for Badger Correctional, do you know how many

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- 9 patient interactions your staff had daily?
 - A. Off the top of my head, no.
 - Q. Was that a statistic that was monitored
- 12 from year to year?
- 13 A. It was monitored in each facility. I
- 14 don't know if we ever added them all up as one -- as
- 15 a group.
- 16 Q. And was it monitored in each facility as
- 17 part of the CQI process?
- 18 A. Well, statistics aren't CQI, so it was
- 19 something that we did, but it wasn't labeled as part
- 20 of the CQI. But it was something that we did. We
- 21 kept statistic.
- Q. And did you discuss those statistics
- 23 with the jail administration?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Doctor, were you ever sued personally in

Page 46 1 any context?

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- A. So one of my employees sued -- I don't
- 3 know if I was sued personally, but one of my
- 4 employees sued Badger Medical, and I guess me.
- 5 personally, alleging that we violated her Americans
- 6 with Disability Association rights.
- 7 Q. Were you ever -- you or your entity ever
- 8 sued by an inmate over health care issues?
- 9 A. In Idaho, before you -- before it
- 10 becomes a formal malpractice suit, claims --
- 11 malpractice claims have to go to an arbitration
- 12 board. It's not an arbitration board, but they have
- 12 Double it of not all albitiation board, but they have
- 13 to be heard by a board from the Board of Medicine14 first.
- 14 IIISt.
- 15 And I had a couple that went to that and
- 16 were found to be -- have no merit. The patient
- 17 could still file a malpractice suit, but none of
- 18 them did. So no, I never had a malpractice claim
- 19 that actually made it as far as a formal malpractice
- 20 claim.

- 21 Q. And when you say that there were a
- 22 couple of claims filed about the Board of Medicine,
- 23 is that two?
- 24 A. I don't remember. Two or three.
 - Q. And did an inmate ever file a lawsuit or



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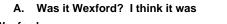
A. Not exactly. 18 push to reduce emergency room referrals, corporate-wide, so the practitioners were told stop 19 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

20 THE WITNESS: Approximately twenty-five 21 or thirty.

22 (BY MR. KNOTT:) And how did you first

23 enter into the business of being an expert 24 witness?

25 MR. WEIL: Object to form.



sending so many people to the emergency department. All right. And what was that company?

23 Wexford.

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24 Did you say Wexford?

25 I believe it was Wexford.



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14 MR. KNOTT: We've been at it for a

little bit here, and I could use a break. If we 15

could take a few minutes, I think it would be an 16

17 appropriate time to do that.

MR. WEIL: When do you want to come 18

19 back, Doug?

20 MR. KNOTT: Realistically, five minutes

21 to 1:00.

22 MR. WEIL: Five to 1:00? Okay.

23 (A brief recess was had.)

24 MR. KNOTT: Back on the record.

25 (BY MR. KNOTT:) Doctor, if we 14 in a format that was -- that directed you to certain

15 pages?

16 MR. WEIL: Object to form. Go ahead and

17 answer.

18 THE WITNESS: I was provided with

material that said look at particular cases. I

20 don't remember that I was given actual pages to look

21 at.

22 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And is that

23 correspondence that you have received from Weil's

24 firm, Attorney Weil's firm?

25 MR. WEIL: So I think we're treading



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1 into a privileged area here. I'm going to object.

2 And if I can have a minute with the

3 Doctor, we can resolve the privilege. Otherwise I'm

4 going to instruct him not to answer as the question

5 is currently posed.

6 MR. KNOTT: Completely inappropriate.

7 MR. WEIL: Well, I'm instructing him --

8 I'm going to let you take your deposition. This is

- 9 similar to a -- I want to just preserve the
- 10 privilege while letting you take your deposition on
- 11 discovery materials. The question that you're
- 12 asking covers privileged and nonprivileged
- 13 communications, so I want to --

MR. KNOTT: So you're directing him not to answer that question.

16 MR. WEIL: As it's phrased, yes.

17 Again, I think we can clear it up pretty 18 easily, but as a straight, yes, I would direct him 19 not to answer.

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Doctor, did I hear you
correctly that you received from Attorney Weil's
office correspondence saying you should look at

23 particular cases?

MR. WEIL: Object to form and instruct the witness not to answer because of privilege. 1 There is also a table that I would say

- 2 contains more truncated summaries of care within
- 3 Monroe County, and those were provided to Dr. Keller

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- 4 in the course of preparing this report.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Is that your
- 6 understanding as well, Dr. Keller?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And did you add to the summaries or the
 - truncated summaries that Mr. Weil described, any of
- 10 your own notes?

11 MR. WEIL: Object to form. Go ahead and

12 answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Well, my -- what I've --14 what I have written in my report is based on my own

review of the charts.

16 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) I'm really looking for 17 your notetaking of any kind independent of the

18 report. And trying to see -- it just strikes me as

19 a difficult task, Doctor, to review hundreds of

20 thousands of pages without taking notes.

21 MR. WEIL: Object to form. Asked and 22 answered.

THE WITNESS: I used snips. So in the
 past, yeah, I took -- I would take handwritten notes

25 or whatever, but snips works quite a bit better

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- 1 Again, we can resolve this by properly narrowing the
- 2 question or have a side bar with the doctor. As
- 3 phrased, I instruct him not to answer.
- 4 MR. KNOTT: Mr. Weil, can you tell me
- 5 what I received after the deposition started?
- 6 Because I'm not in a position to study it now.
- 7 MR. WEIL: So I believe what you're
- 9 began, which are the series of summaries and a -- of

referring to is what I sent before the deposition

- 10 different cases, and then a table of a bunch of
- different cases, and then a table of a but
- 11 cases for Monroe County.
- 12 I don't have a problem asking Dr. Keller
- 13 about that. The privilege would be any discussions
- 14 beyond the materials we provided him where we're
- 15 talking about -- you know, talking about various
- 16 cases or the different medical situations that are
- 17 in the record. So that's the distinction I'm
- 18 drawing.

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- 19 MR. KNOTT: I don't want to take the
- 20 time to delve into the e-mail that you sent me, so
- 21 could you tell me that again? You sent summaries?
- MR. WEIL: There is an e-mail that we
- 23 sent before the deposition that contains various24 summaries of different cases of medical care outside
- 24 Summands of different bases of medical bare batolac
- 25 of Monroe County.

- because for one thing in the snip I can -- it
- 2 includes exactly where it is; whereas, if I take a
- 3 handwritten note, in the past, I've forgotten where
- 4 it came from, and I can't find it again. So snips
- 5 works better, and that's how I do it.
 - Q. And a snip is the application within
- 7 Windows that allows you to capture a section of the
- 8 screen?

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- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And does your -- does a document with
- 11 the snips that you selected exist anywhere?
 - MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 13 Go ahead and answer.

14 THE WITNESS: Well, early -- early

15 drafts of my report didn't include the snips

16 themselves, but they included the verbiage that I

17 transcribed from the snips.

- 18 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And did you highlight19 or put Post-Its or anything like that on any of the
- 20 PDFs that you reviewed?
- 21 A. Probably. As a matter of fact, yes, I 22 did.
- 23 Q. And what did you -- what kind of note
- 24 did you take? Highlight? It was a double question.
- 25 I asked if you highlighted or took notes.



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- 4 And did you save your highlighting?
- 5 Probably.
 - And is that in a -- on PDFs maintained Q.
- 7 by you?

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- 8 Α. Yes.
- q MR. KNOTT: And were those provided to
- 10 me. Mr. Weil?
- 11 MR. WEIL: I don't believe they were.
- 12 Unless Dr. Keller sent them over, I don't believe
- 13 they were.
- 14 (BY MR. KNOTT:) Did the -- your report
- references minutes of the Davis or Davis County 15
- 16 Commission in 2004. Does that have any bearing on
- your opinions in the matter? 17
- 18 Do you mean where I said it's -- I
- 19 reviewed it, it's in the documents that I reviewed?
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- 21 Α. No, it doesn't.
- 22 So I understand from review of your
- 23 report that your opinions endorse and apply
- 24 Dr. Bentley's opinions in the context of
- 25 correctional medicine.

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- 1 Is that a fair characterization?
- 2 A. Could you rephrase the question? I
- 3 guess I'm not exactly understanding what you're
- saying. 4
- 5 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Yeah. I'm trying to
- understand. Well, your report covers a discussion
- of other inmates, and setting that aside for a 7
- 8 second, your report comments on the care provided to
- 9 Christine Boyer.
- 10 True?
- 11 A. So Mr. Weil did not ask me to directly
- address the care given to Christine Boyer, so I 12
- 13 don't have a separate section in my report directly
- 14 dealing with her case.
- 15 I endorse Dr. Bentley's summary of that
- case. There's nothing that she said that I disagree 16
- 17 with.
- 18 And I just want to focus our discussion.
- Your opinions with respect to the care provided to 19
- 20 Ms. Boyer follow the contours exactly of what
- 21 Dr. Bentley has testified to, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Put in her report more fairly.
- You haven't seen Dr. Bentley's 24
- 25 testimony, have you?

- And you haven't talked to Dr. Bentley,
- 4 have you?
- 5 Α. No.
- 6 Q. And I guess I'm kind of having a hard
- time dealing with this conceptually, but if I look
- at your report at page 2, carrying over to 3, the
- medical standard of care in the case of Christine 9
- 10 Boyer, is there any opinion you intend to offer at
- the time of trial that's set forth in that section 11
- other than you agree with the opinion of 12
- 13 Dr. Bentley?

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- MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 15 THE WITNESS: So if you're referring to 16 the -- the sentence says: The medical standard of
- 17 care in the jail is no different than the medical --
- 18 excuse me, standard of care in the community, that
- incarcerated patients are entitled to the same level
- of medical care as unincarcerated patients, I stand
- 21 by that.
- 22 I believe that's what Dr. Bentley said
- 23 as well, but that's -- independently that's my
- 24 opinion as well.
- 25 So my question was actually about that

section from the bolded statement, the medical

- 2 standard of care on page 2 down to training provided
- 3 by ACAH.

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- 4 And what I'm trying to get at is: You
- were not asked to independently review the facts and
- circumstances of Ms. Boyer's care, fair?
 - A. Not exactly. I was -- I reviewed them.
- I was not asked to write a report about them. But I 8
- did review the circumstances revolving the care
- 10 given to Ms. Boyer.
- 11 And I believe that Dr. Bentley
- summarized it well, and I agree with everything
- 13 that -- with all of her conclusions.
- 14 Q. You agree you're qualified to speak to
- 15 the care of a registered nurse?
- 16 Α. I am qualified to speak -- well, in a
- 17 word, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And your report includes no
- 19 discussion of the particular interactions of the
- 20 staff and Ms. Boyer on December 21 or 22, correct?
- 21 Α. No.
- 22 Q. Not correct or correct?
- 23 No. My report does not include a
- discussion of the care given to Ms. Boyer. I was 24
- 25 not asked to do that. But I do agree with



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textbooks are no different for correctional 16 17 physicians as they are for noncorrectional

textbook for corrections as noncorrections. That's kind of the point as being a uniform standard. 20 21 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So if I understand your prior answer, you define the standard of care as one

physicians. There's not a different medical

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care as it's taught in textbooks, if I remember that 25 correctly?

care that would occur in an outside facility and

There are other cases where, yes, you can -- two different practitioners can approach it different ways, and both be okay, but it depends on

you do two different things, one can be right and

THE WITNESS: That depends on the case

they're approaching. There are some cases where if

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

You can answer.

one can be wrong.



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March 19, 2024 Page 69 Page 71 1 that allow nurse practitioners to practice the case. 1 2 2 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) The standard of care independently. I don't believe Wisconsin is one. 3 for a primary care practitioner is different than 3 Q. Have you ever been -- have you ever been 4 the standard of care for a neurologist, isn't it? a collaborating physician for a nurse 5 MR. WEIL: Object to the form. 5 practitioner? 6 Yes. Go ahead and answer. 6 Α. 7 THE WITNESS: So I'm not sure exactly 7 Q. I want you to consider a hypothetical, 8 where you're going with that. 8 Doctor. 9 A neurologist is trained to do different 9 A gentleman walks into a hospital 10 things than a -- than a primary care physician. The 10 emergency room and says: I want Tums, antacid. 11 expectation of a neurologist is based on his 11 Is the standard of care for the response 12 training. 12 to that the same in the emergency room as it is in a 13 So I'm -- I don't know exactly where 13 jail? that is going. A primary care physician is not 14 MR. WEIL: Object to form. trained to do neurosurgery, and so that is not what 15 15 Go ahead and answer. 16 the standard is for them. 16 THE WITNESS: Yes. 17 17 Q. What I was getting at is there's not a Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Doctor, if you assume single standard of care for all classes of medical that the standard of care, as defined by the courts 18 18 19 providers, is there? 19 in the state of Wisconsin, is what a reasonable 20 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 20 provider in the same class of providers would do 21 Go ahead and answer. 21 under the same or similar circumstances, if that's 22 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if I agree 22 the definition of standard of care in Wisconsin, with that. There are -- people have different 23 would you agree that you're not qualified to speak 23 24 specialties and different areas of expertise, but 24 to the standard of care of a nurse practitioner? 25 the overall medical care that's provided to a A. No. Page 70 Page 72 patient, everybody has their role, and probably 1 MR. WEIL: Object to form. should stay in their lane, but the overall care is 2 Go ahead and answer. 3 no different for one physician than -- I mean, the 3 THE WITNESS: No. care depends on the patient. So what a primary care 4 (BY MR. KNOTT:) You would not agree? Q. physician does would be different than what a 5 I would not agree. 6 specialty care physician does, but they both are in Because you know what a reasonable 7 pursuit of the overall medical standard. provider in the same class of providers would do 8 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) You, as a medical 8 under the same or similar circumstances? 9 doctor and board certified emergency room physician. 9 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 10 are not in the same licensing class as a nurse 10 Go ahead and answer. 11 practitioner. 11 THE WITNESS: So it might be that what 12 Agree? we're talking about is scope of practice. So going 13 Correct. 13 back to the neurosurgeon and the family practice 14 Q. Same with respect to a registered nurse. 14 doctor, I think that they're -- the standard of 15 Correct. medical care is the same, but they have different 15 16 And do you have any idea of the scope of practices, so it would be inappropriate for 16 17 requirements to practice as a nurse practitioner in 17 the family doctor to try to do neurosurgery. That's 18 the state of Wisconsin? 18 beyond her scope of practice. 19 A. Yes. 19 The scope of practice of nurse 20 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 20 practitioners and physicians and a primary care 21 21 physician differ a little bit, but for the most Go ahead 22 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And what do you know 22 part, they overlap, like two circles that overlap in 23 23 about that? the middle. There's a little bit on either side.

But for the most part, they're both

practicing primary care medicine, and it's the same

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Well, that's a broad question. It's

similar all over the country. There are some states

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13 You did not see any evidence in the 14 training that ACH was encouraging providers to limit 15 the services they provide in the interest of profit, did you? 16 17 MR. WEIL: Object on form. 18 Go ahead and answer. THE WITNESS: No, not in the training. 19 20 I think Nurse Fennigkoh sent some 21 e-mails that referenced -- referenced that, but I

(BY MR. KNOTT:) Nurse Fennigkoh's

concern was the cost to the inmate, wasn't it?

MR. WEIL: Object to the form.

didn't quote that in my report.

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24 25 13 THE WITNESS: Well, they are all cases 14 from the complaint, so in that sense they were chosen. I think every case --15 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And did you review --16 17 I'm sorry, were you done? 18 A. I was going to say every case in my report out of Monroe County was in the original 19 complaint. So in that case, in that way they were 20 chosen because those are the cases that I focused 21 22 on. 23 And did you review medical records 24 before the Fourth Amended Complaint was filed? 25 MR. WEIL: Object to form.



Page 77 Go ahead and answer.

THE WITNESS: I don't remember. I don't remember reviewing charts before I knew -- before I knew exactly which charts I was looking at.

5 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Do you know who 6 reviewed the charts in order to select the cases

7 that were included in the amended complaints?

8 A. The exact person, no.

Q. You know that it was someone with

10 Mr. Weil's firm, right?

11 A. Yes.

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12 Q. And so you have not reviewed the medical

13 records for any inmate that Mr. Weil has not

14 selected for you to review, true?

15 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

16 Go ahead and answer.

17 THE WITNESS: No.

18 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So you understand that

19 Mr. Weil has access to around thirteen hundred

20 Monroe County inmate files?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And he's had access to those for more

23 than a year. You know that, right?

24 A. I don't know when he originally obtained

25 access to them.

1 case, that is that correctional officers were

2 functioning in the role of nurses and, in fact, were

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3 provided with a long list of -- a long -- a big

4 group of files that they were supposed to use when

5 communicating as in the form of nurses to

6 practitioners, that practitioners were

7 prescribing -- diagnosing and prescribing without

8 seeing a patient based on phone interviews and never

9 seeing the patient.

And that nurses were prescribing outside
their scope of practice without ever escalating care
to appropriate levels, and that patients were not -were not being escalated to appropriate levels.

14 I think I saw enough cases to think that

15 that is a robust statement, and I don't even know if

16 ACH would disagree with that, that they do ask

17 correctional officers to fill out forms and call in,

18 and that practitioners then give orders back to them

19 about giving drugs to inmates, et cetera, et cetera.

So I thought I had enough data from

21 those eleven cases that there was no reason to go

22 through thirteen hundred. I suspect if I did go

23 through thirteen hundred, it wouldn't be that there

24 were no correctional officers calling in about

25 patients on the other thirteen hundred. I think

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Q. And my understanding is you didn't
 review the county medical records and tell him which

3 records are significant. You didn't review the

4 thirteen hundred to determine which are significant,

5 true?

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6 A. True.

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Do you know if eleven

9 cases out of thirteen hundred cases is statistically

10 significant, Doctor?

11 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

12 Go ahead and answer.

13 THE WITNESS: No.

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Do you agree that to

15 offer -- agree as a scientist that to offer a valid

16 opinion about the quality of ACH services at the

17 Monroe County Jail, that you should look at a random

8 selection of files rather than those selected by the

19 plaintiff's firm?

20 A. I wasn't doing --

21 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

22 THE WITNESS: -- a scientific study.

23 Instead, I was looking at the way that the contract

24 was set up, and what I found is confirmation of

25 things that originally came out of Christine Boyer's

1 they were.

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2 And I think I saw enough cases to

3 ascertain that that was, in fact, the practice at

4 Monroe County. That's the way the contract was set

5 up.

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6 Q. So that the question is: Do you think

7 it's fair to give general opinions about the quality

8 of medical care at the jail based solely on your

9 review of cases selected by an attorney who has sued

10 the facility?

11 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

Go ahead and answer.

13 THE WITNESS: I wasn't giving an overall

14 assessment of medical care at the jail. I was

15 assessing the way that the contract was set up, and

16 that not all of the -- and not all of the cases that

17 I reviewed were handled inappropriately.

18 My -- I had enough cases to show that 19 the way that the -- the way that medical care was

20 delivered was different than it was -- than it would

21 be on the outside, and that people were allowed to

22 practice outside their scope of practice, and in

23 fact, encouraged to do so.

In my mind, that's inevitably going tolead to bad medical outcomes, not in every patient,



Page 81 Page 83 but to some, and I was able to find evidence of --Physicians in hospitals give voice orders all the 2 2 in these eleven cases of people that should have time.

been -- the care should have been escalated to a higher level that were not.

I think to do a rigorous scientific evaluation of all the cases, I don't think would 6

7 change what I knew about the basic way that the care

8 was set up.

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9 Doctor, is it appropriate for a

10 correctional facility to have correctional staff do

11 intake screening?

12 A. Yes. It is appropriate to have

13 correctional staff do booking screening.

14 Q. And they're trained to ask those

15 questions, get information, so that they can

16 communicate that to the provider if there's an

17 immediate need, right?

18 A. They should be. They should have a

19 policy in place of exactly which patients need a

20 medical clearance at booking.

21 So they should know exactly if this 22 question is answered yes, or if this happens, they

don't even have to call a provider. They just tell 23

24 the arresting officer take this person to the

25 emergency room and get a medical clearance.

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3 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And if -- if a

physician receives information and assesses a

patient as having hypertension, chronic

6 hypertension, it's appropriate to order

administration of a blood pressure medication, and

8 to plan to see that patient later, isn't it?

9 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, the critical area

11 there is to see that patient later. That's one of

the things that was not happening in Monroe County 12

13 in the cases that I reviewed.

14 (BY MR. KNOTT:) Right.

15 And to see that patient later could be

16 to see that patient at the next clinic visit by the

17 practitioner?

18 A. It could be.

Doctor, is there a phenomenon known as 19

20 hypertensive crisis?

21 Yes. Α.

22 Q. And you've written that hypertensive

23 crisis is not an emergency, right?

24 A. No. So I have written about the idea of

25 a hypertensive urgency is a myth. That's different

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1 So all jails, in my opinion, should have a policy and procedure in place for correctional

3 officers to refer to when accepting medical

patients, and they should have a policy and

procedure in place for what questions are asked and

what happens when yes or no questions -- when

7 questions are answered yes or no.

Q. I think if you focus on the question, we

9 can move along a little better, but so I understood

10 your answer to be that it is appropriate in the

context of booking screening for the correctional

officers to take information from the inmate and

communicate with the practitioner about that inmate.

14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you're not testifying that it's

17 never appropriate for a physician or practitioner to

18 give a voice order in the context of correctional

medicine? 19

20 Α. No.

21 MR. WEIL: Objection to form.

22 Go ahead and answer.

23 THE WITNESS: It's appropriate for that

to happen in correctional medicine just as it

25 happens anywhere else in outside medicine. than a hypertensive crisis.

2 And I was not asked to opine on the

practice in Monroe County of giving clonidine for an 3

elevated blood pressures, but I don't agree with

that. But hypertensive urgency and hypertensive

emergency are two different things, or a

7 hypertensive crisis.

8 Q. Did you determine whether Advance

9 Correctional Health Care is sued more than or less

10 than other providers?

11 A. I know that they're sued way more than

12 my company was, even taking into perspective being

13 much larger than my company, and I believe they're

14 sued more than my other company, Centurion, was,

15 even though Centurion is much, much larger.

16 But I have not done a rigorous

17 evaluation, because I don't know how often they've

18 been sued. I don't know the actual number, so I

19 don't know.

20 Q. You're unaware of any actual monitoring

of that --21

22 A. Monitoring of lawsuits you mean? Where

23 they're counted --

24 Q. Yeah.

25 -- where a company -- I'm unaware of any



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 1 way to ascertain how many times any one company, say
- 2 Wellpath, has been sued compared to any other
- 3 company, say ACH or NavCare. I don't know where to
- 4 look that up.
- 5 Q. And Centurion provided care in prisons,
- 6 right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you have no knowledge of whether
- 9 there is data available on the national average for
- 10 lawsuits against correctional health care
- 11 providers?
- 12 A. I am unaware of that.
- 13 Q. And you didn't investigate to determine
- 14 how many cases filed against Advance Correctional
- 15 Health Care were deemed meritless, right?
- 16 A. I have no way of knowing that. I have
- 17 no way of knowing that.
- 18 Q. Some random thoughts here, Doctor, from
- 19 my notes, but I think I read an index of your book,
- 20 and it referenced comfort items.
- 21 What is that reference to?
- 22 A. Extra mattresses, special shoes, bottom
- 23 bunks, pillows, things like that that are not really
- 24 medical items.
- Q. They are accommodations that an inmate

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 1 an emergency department, and that depends on a lot
- 2 of factors.
- 3 So I don't think I can answer that 4 question.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Are you aware of any
- 6 basis to believe that Advance Correctional staff
- 7 were admonished or coached not to send patients out
- 8 to an emergency room?

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- A. Not overtly, but in the training where
- 10 they were trained to -- that incarcerated people
- 11 complain more than other patients, and are trying to
- 12 basically game the system to get comfortable, I
- 13 think if someone believed that, that they would
- 14 inevitably tend to think that a complaint of chest
- 15 pains, say, hasn't -- would be due to anxiety rather
- 16 than a heart attack, and that is going to lead you
- 17 to send people -- not send people out who should be
- 18 sent out, if you believe that training.
- 19 Q. So to answer my question, there is no
- 20 evidence that ACH administration admonishes the
- 21 staff and tells them not to send patients to the
- 22 emergency room?
 - A. Not that I have seen.
- 24 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
 - Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And what you believe is

Page 86 may seek from the medical staff to make them

- 2 comfortable, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Dr. Keller, do you know if there's a
- 5 provision in the Advance Correctional contract with
- 6 Monroe County for CQI services?
- 7 A. No.
- 3 Q. And you know from review of the
- 9 statistics that were discussed at CQI meetings that
- 10 ACH practitioners would ship inmates to the
- 11 emergency room for care, right?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 MR. WEIL: Objection, form.
- 14 Go ahead and answer.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And do you have any
- 16 basis to judge whether the number of times that they
- 17 were sent to the emergency room in 2019 or 2018 was
- 18 appropriate for the population?
- 19 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 20 Go ahead and answer.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't think that
- 22 that's a question that's possible to answer. As a
- 23 matter of fact, I don't think there's any published
- 24 correct number. It depends on how many emergencies
- 25 one gets, or how many things that should be sent to

- 1 that the training has the potential to create a
- 2 culture where the practitioners may base their
- 3 clinical decisions on -- on some sort of unconscious
- 4 bias, right?
- 5 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 6 THE WITNESS: Not just the
- 7 practitioners, but also the nurses who will
- 8 interpret someone with chest pain and shortness of
- 9 breath as having anxiety and give them Hydroxyzine
- 10 without ever calling a practitioner.
- 11 MR. KNOTT: Is everybody doing okay?
- 12 THE WITNESS: I would like to take a
- 13 five-minute break, not a long one, but I want to go
- 14 back to the bathroom, if I may.
 - MR. KNOTT: Okay. We'll do that.
- 16 (A brief recess was had.)
- 17 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Dr. Keller, I just
- 18 wanted to follow up on that -- the end of that
- 19 discussion we were just having.
- 20 I understand that you believe that the
- 21 training that ACH provides about the difference
- 22 between inmates and patients in the community
- 23 violate the standard of care, right?
- A. I don't mean -- no. That doesn't -that isn't exactly right. I think it's wrong, and



Page 89 that it will inevitably lead people who believe it,

2 I don't know that everybody was taught it actually

3 believes it, for people who believe it, it will

4 result in a tendency to discount the medical

5 complaints of incarcerated people and to ascribe

6 those medical complaints to benign conditions which

7 maybe in most cases it's not going to cause a

3 problem, but in some cases it's going to have them

9 miscount -- misdiagnose, misconstrue, and avoid

10 sending people out. And it's that act that is a

11 violation of the standard of care.

12 Q. Okay. So the training is factually

13 wrong, you believe, right?

14 A. I believe the training is factually

15 wrong.

16 Q. And you believe that it has the

17 potential to create bias that would impact the

18 practitioner's exercise of their clinical judgment,

19 correct?

20 A. Yes. I think it can impact medical

21 judgment in a detrimental way.

22 Q. I'm sharing my screen, Doctor. Are you

23 able to read it?

24 A. Yes.

Q. This is Monroe County 2617, and we can

1 correct?

2 A. Overall, yes. It's a discussion of

3 statistics. I didn't see any evidence of formal CQI

4 process studies or outcome studies or sentinel event

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5 evaluations or stuff that I would expect at a CQI

6 meeting.

7 Q. So I just want to get you to look at an

8 example on page 2617. One of the action items is

9 jail administration has received and approved new

10 medical intake questions.

That's not a discussion of statistics,

12 correct?

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13 A. No, that's not a discussion of

14 statistics, but it's also not a CQI unless it came

15 out of a CQI study.

16 Q. And are you referring to CQI that

17 arises -- can only arise out of patient outcomes?

18 A. No. There are -- they are NCCHC

19 defines -- well, there's many aspects to CQI, but as

20 far as studies go, they define outcome studies and

21 process studies, two different kinds of CQI studies.

22 And if you want to be NCCA certified,

23 you have to do both quarterly.

24 Q. And are you aware of any sentinel event

5 at Monroe County Jail that would have changed the

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mark this as Exhibit 89, CQI notes for --

2 (Exhibit 89 was marked for

3 identification.)

4 MR. WEIL: Doug, was Exhibit 88 the

5 report?

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6 MR. KNOTT: It was the invoice. I

7 didn't mark the report or the CV.

8 MR. WEIL: It's MC2618 through what?

9 MR. KNOTT: Well, I guess it's

10 seventy-five pages, so I only mean to talk about a

11 couple of pages here. So it's through 2691. And we

12 can treat it as a single exhibit.

13 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So, Doctor, you agree

14 with me that your knowledge of the ACH CQI process

5 is limited to what you learned from Monroe County,

16 correct?

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17 A. Yes. And also the fact that I saw no

18 evidence of anything different being done in the

19 other counties, but mainly the Monroe County.

Q. Well, you weren't given any CQI

21 documentation from any other counties, were you?

22 A. No. There was no indication of any -- I

23 received no other CQI documents.

Q. And your characterization of the CQI

25 program is just a discussion of statistics only,

Page 92 1 outcome for Ms. Boyer if there was CQI conformed to

2 your standard?

3 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

4 Go ahead and answer.

5 THE WITNESS: A specific patient? Are

6 you asking me about if there is a specific patient

7 where since a CQI sentinel event study wasn't done,

8 that directly led to Ms. Boyer's death? Is that

9 what you're asking? I didn't understand, I guess.

10 No, I didn't. I'm not aware of any specific patient

11 like that.

12 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And are you aware of

any sentinel events at the Monroe County Jail other

14 than the Schmieder case and the Boyer case?

15 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

16 You can answer.

17 THE WITNESS: The Xiong case should

18 have -- is a sentinel event, should have been a

19 sentinel event. The Aaron Oliver case should have

20 been a sentinel event.

21 Q. We'll talk about those in a second.

22 So you reference the Xiong case. Can

23 you tell me the source of your records for the Xiong

24 case? Can you tell me the Bates range?

25 A. No. I cannot tell you the Bates stamps



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- on the Xiong charts off the top of my head.
- 2 So I just want to make sure you looked
- 3 at the same records that we looked at.
- 4 How would I do that?
- 5 Steve, is it in the spreadsheet that you
- 6 sent?
- 7 MR. WEIL: I believe --
- 8 THE COURT REPORTER: Counsel, I can't
- 9 hear you.
- 10 MR. WEIL: -- not on the spreadsheet.
- It's among the documents that we provided to 11
- Dr. Keller in the medical records. 12
- 13 MR. KNOTT: I didn't hear you.
- 14 MR. WEIL: It's not in the spreadsheet,
- 15 the Monroe County Medical Review spreadsheet. It's
- 16 in documents we sent to Dr. Keller.
- 17 THE WITNESS: So I've got it pulled up
- on my computer, the records that I had; and, let's 18
- 19 see, it looks like the first Bates stamp says
- 0003047. And then it goes on for -- I can't 20
- 21 remember how many pages it is.
- 22 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) It's important, Doctor,
- 23 could you scroll to the bottom of that?
- 24 Okay. All the way to the bottom, it's
- still loading, downloading. The last one I have is

- source for your knowledge or belief that he was --
- 2 experienced a heart attack?
- 3 A. I don't remember specifically where that
- knowledge came from. I believe -- veah. I don't
- 5 remember exactly where that knowledge came from.
 - Q. Okay. Would it be important to your
- analysis of the case if there was no evidence that
- he did have a heart attack?
- A. No. No. It doesn't matter if he had a
- 10 heart attack or not at the hospital.
- 11 A lot of people -- that's actually a
- mistake to say: Well, we didn't find a heart attack 12
- 13 so we should never have sent him to the ER in the
- first place. That's one of the things that I train
- on. If you don't get to do retrospective analysis,
- Mr. Xiong should have gone to the ER the day -- at
- least the day before he went whether or not he had a 17
- heart attack or not. 18
- 19 Okay. Let's look at what you wrote
- 20 about Mr. Xiong on page 11. You said he was booked
- into the iail on December 6th, 2019. 21
- 22 So that would be a couple weeks before
- 23 Boyer occurred, right?
- 24 A. Yes.

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25 And looking at the records on your

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- 2 Q. So you make the statement in your report
- 3 that at the hospital it was important that Mr. Xiong
- was experiencing a heart attack.
- 5 Can you tell me the basis for that fact?
- 6 Well, I -- I did not review the hospital
- records, so that is something that I obtained maybe
- from the spreadsheet I got, I guess, from counsel.
- 9 Or maybe --
- 10 Q. Were you provided records other than the
- 11 Monroe County Jail for Mr. Xiong?
- 12 **Records from the Monroe County Jail?**
- 13 Yes. That's what I'm looking at.
- 14 Q. Other than --
- A. That's what I'm looking at right here, 15
- and there might have been -- yeah. I don't remember 16
- already specifically where I learned that he had 17
- been diagnosed with a myocardial infarction at the
- 19 hospital. I don't remember now.
- 20 Q. And what are you looking at now, Doctor?
- 21 A. I'm just finding Mr. Xiong on my -- in
- 22 my report that's on page 11, and then I'm in the
- 23 middle of Mr. Xiong's chart, so I'm ready for
- wherever you want to reference me. 24
- 25 Q. And what I'm looking for, Doctor, is the

- 1 screen, Doctor, in fact, he was booked into the jail
- in 2016, not 2019, right? 2
- 3 A. Well, he was booked several times; but
- yes, you're correct. That is a mistake I made in my
- 5 charting.
- 6 That was an incorrect statement of fact
- in your charting, right?
- 8 I wrote 2019, when it should have been
- 9 2016.
- 10 Q. And he had elevated blood pressure at
- booking and the practitioner asked that his blood
- pressure be monitored for three days, and he refused
- 13 to have it monitored, correct?
- 14 A. I don't remember that he refused to have
- 15 it monitored. I don't recall seeing a -- seeing a
- 16 refusal form.
- 17 Q. And when Mr. Xiong presented on the 30th of December, he reported that he believed his pain 18
- 19 was related to spicy noodles, correct?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 And your testimony is that if an inmate
- eats spicy noodles and comes to the staff saying 22
- that he is having pain related to spicy noodles, he 23
- 24 would require transport to the emergency room?
- 25 MR. WEIL: Object to the form.



Page 25 of 105 Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 97 Page 99 THE WITNESS: Well, no. That's -- I 2 2 would not -- I would not frame it in that way. sent to the ER. 3 So patients often say, you know, in my 3 Q. So your testimony is that a

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5 saying I'm having chest pain, and I think it's something I ate. Boy, that is really common. 6

emergency room career, patients would come in often

7 And so you don't immediately say: Oh, 8 yeah, it was something you ate, so we don't need to

do anything, go home.

10 So I think the main thing is that he sought out medical care, or he sought medical care 11

based on chest pain, and when asked, What do you 12

13 think?

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14 Well, maybe it was the spicy noodles.

15 Well, that doesn't matter. He had chest 16 pain.

17 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Is the patient's

description and belief about the source of the pain 18

19 relevant to the analysis?

20 Maybe. Maybe not. You certainly don't 21 stop there.

22 So your testimony is that Mr. Xiong

23 should have been transported to the emergency room

24 on December 30th?

25 Yes. So he had abnormal vital signs, a 1 next day instead of just having chest pain and being

forty-eight-year-old who comes to the staff and says

he's got pain related to spicy noodles and points at

the pain in his bicep, that GERD or acid reflux

would be the bottom of the likely explanations?

A. I would say that --

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

10 THE WITNESS: I would say that the 11 appropriate response to that complaint is for him to get -- to see a medical provider who would do a 12

13 detailed history like: When exactly did the pain

start? Does it come or go? Is it anywhere else? 14

15 Have you ever had it before? Does it burn in your 16 chest? Is it heavy in your chest? On and on and on

17 and on, and the appropriate questions to ask.

18 And then an examination, which includes 19 palpating the belly, for example, to see if he has

20 pain in the -- where you would get pain from

indigestion versus listening to his lungs and heart, 21

22 and then if you get abnormal vitals saying, Why are

they abnormal, and repeating them or evaluating them 23

24 in some way.

25 If I was evaluating this guy in an

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Page 98 1 heart rate of a hundred fourteen, elevated blood 2 pressure.

3 On the differential diagnosis, he's --

he's -- he's at high risk based on his age, and you

can't just ignore his abnormal vital signs or the

fact that he thinks that his chest pain was due to 6

7 spicy noodles.

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I don't think -- if he was any other

9 place in the medical spectrum, if he went to an

urgent care center or his family physician or an ER 10

11 and said, I'm having chain pain, his blood

12 pressure's elevated, and he's of -- he's of the age

he is, they would -- even though he says I ate spicy

14 noodles, they would not turn around and say: You're

15 okay, and send him home. They do a workup, and the

workup starts with doing a differential diagnosis

17 that is based on a history and a physical exam.

So no. Only a cursory history was done. No physical exam was done. No attention was paid to 19

20 the vital signs. And just to ascribe it as, okay,

21 you've got indigestion, well, that's going down to

22 the very bottom of the differential diagnosis.

23 That's ignoring the things that could be causing

24 this that could kill him.

25 Matter fact, he could have just died the urgent care center as a physician, I would say he

needs a workup. And the workup would be -- well. 2

3 that history and a physical, but he would go beyond

that in needing some sort of testing.

5 So yes, he should have gone to the

6 emergency department.

7 But even before the emergency

8 department, it certainly would have been appropriate

9 for the practitioner on duty to come to the jail at

this time and see him. That would have been an 10

11 appropriate response.

12 It was not elevated to the appropriate

levels, and there were two places it could have

14 gone. It could have gone to the -- practitioner 15 goes to the jail and sees him, and then does

whatever, does the evaluation, or it could have been 16

17 send him to the ER.

18 Now, you're opening a different topic here, Doctor. You're not saying that you, as a 19

contracted physician for your company, were required 20

21 to come to the jail every time you got a call,

22 right?

23 No. But a call like this, we would have

gone to the jail. I've got a patient with abnormal

vital signs and pain in his late forties and --



I Q. And based on what you're able to see

- 2 there, you don't have any evidence that it was
- 3 anything other than indigestion or acid reflux,
- 4 true?
- 5 A. Sure. I mean, why would indigestion or
- 6 acid reflux give you a heart rate of a hundred and
- 7 fourteen? It wouldn't.
- Q. So are you ready to testify, Doctor, to
- 9 a reasonable degree of medical probability within
- 10 your field that Mr. Xiong actually experienced a
- 11 heart attack?
- 12 A. At that moment in time, no. I think
- 13 that Mr. Xiong needed to see a medical practitioner
- 14 at that point in time. And I'll say that very
- 15 strongly. He should have gone to see a medical
- 16 practitioner at that point in time. Medical
- 17 practitioner could have gone to the jail to see him,
- 18 or he could have been sent out to see a medical
- 19 practitioner.
- 20 Q. And he was sent out in the morning and
- 21 you don't know the outcome.
- 22 A. He was sent out in the morning, and it
- 23 doesn't matter what the outcome was. He was sent
- 24 out in the morning when he continued to complain and
- 25 it got worse.
 - Page 102 Mr. Schmieder passed away in 2016,
- 2 right?

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- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you're unaware of any deaths at the
- 5 Monroe County Jail other than Boyer and Schmieder
- 6 that you attribute to ACH practices, correct?
- 7 A. I didn't look at the three suicides, and
- 8 I don't know if ACH was responsible for mental
- 9 health care or if any of those suicides -- I didn't
- 10 look at them, so I don't know if any of them had any
- 11 other medical overlay to them. But there were three
- 12 other deaths, but I'm not aware of any beyond those
- 13 five.
- 14 Q. So between 2016 and 2024, you're aware
- 15 of two deaths at the jail that you believe may be
- 16 related to ACH practices.
- 17 A. That's two too many.
- 18 Q. Can you answer the question, Doctor?
- 19 A. I'm aware of -- I evaluated these two
- 20 deaths, and I'm not aware of any others.
- 21 Q. And you're not able to determine a cause
- 22 of death of Mr. Schmieder, are you?
- 23 A. Well, I believe the autopsy, the medical
- 24 examiner attributed it to respiratory failure.
- 25 Q. Actually, I think the cause was

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- 1 undetermined, but your assumption is that it was
- 2 attributable to respiratory distress, correct?
- A. He did have respiratory distress before he died.
- 5 Q. At any rate, you're not able to give an
- 6 opinion about what was his cause of death, true?
- 7 A. I would -- I would defer to his autopsy.
- 8 Q. And you wrote that his -- that many of
- 9 the medications he brought to the jail were denied,
- 10 including his steroid inhaler and pain medication.
- 11 I read that correctly on page 10 of your
- 12 report?
- 13 A. Yes
 - Q. Albuterol inhaler is a steroid inhaler,
- 15 isn't it?

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- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. What is it?
- 18 A. It's an alpha agonist. It's a rescue
- 19 inhaler. It's a bronchodialator. It's a different
- 20 class of drugs.
- 21 Q. He was taking -- he was using an
- 22 Albuterol inhaler, correct?
 - A. Yes. He had an Albuterol inhaler that
- 24 he was allowed access to.
- Q. And he was allowed access to Combivent
- 1 Respimat, right?

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- 2 A. I don't remember the exact ones, but the
- 3 exact ones -- the exact meds. Let's see, yeah. He
- 4 was not allowed access to his mometasol flouride
- 5 inhaler.
- 6 Q. And how is that different than
- 7 Proventil, mometasone, Combivent, and Albuterol,
- 8 which he was allowed?
- 9 A. It is a long-acting steroid in a bigger
- 10 dose. It's something that is kind of the mainstay
- 11 of therapy for people with COPD and asthma. It's an
- 12 important drug.
- 13 Q. Which was -- which drug was that?
- 14 A. The mometasol, the steroid inhaler that
- 15 he wasn't allowed to have. I don't understand why
- 16 he wasn't allowed to have it, but he wasn't allowed
- 17 to have it.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. The issue there, actually, is also not
- 20 coming to see him and actually interviewing and
- 21 seeing him and asking: Why are you on these meds?
- 22 But he never saw a practitioner.
- 23 So if you're going to screw around with
- 24 his meds, you probably should see him in the flesh
- 25 and do an exam.



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Q. And Mr. Schmieder refused a medical
 evaluation, according to your report?
 A. Well, nobody went and asked him why he
 was refusing, and nobody went back and asked him a
 second time if I can do it on a different day.
 So it isn't enough to just -- he's there

7 for a month. It isn't enough to say: Well, he 8 doesn't need -- he's refused, so he's refused

9 forever. That's not appropriate. He's still your

10 patient. Even though he's refused, he's still your

patient. You go back and check on him again.He didn't refuse wellness checks. He

13 didn't refuse anybody coming and saying: Can I take

14 your vitals and see how you're doing.

Q. Doctor, you have no reason to believe hewas incompetent, right?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And he never asked for the medications

19 that he was denied, right?

20 A. No. There are a lot of people that --

21 that don't --

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22 Q. Can I get an answer?

23 A. I said no.

24 Q. He never asked for --

25 A. I said no, and I was going to add a

1 his, quote, troubled breathing the night of his

2 death, the night before his death.

3 A. Okay. So if I remember correctly, the4 investigator conducted interviews with the inmates

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5 who stated that before his death he was having

6 trouble breathing, and medical staff were aware of7 this problem.

7 this problem.8 Where that came from exactly, I think it

9 came from -- I'm not sure -- I think it came from

10 the in-custody death summary, so I'm looking for

11 it.

12 Q. You faded there on me. It came from

13 where?

14 A. I believe it came from the death

15 summary, but I'm looking for it.

By the way, when -- the refusal formsweren't signed by Mr. Schmieder, which I think was

18 odd, but why wouldn't he sign?

But be that as it may, I'm not seeingwhere the in -- his fellow inmates notified medical

21 staff.

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22 Q. You're not seeing that.

A. No. I can't find it at this point in

24 time.

Q. Okay. I shared the screen of the

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1 little bit.

Q. And do you think that the nursing staff

3 didn't have a conversation with him when he was

4 refusing and signing refusal?

5 A. I don't see any -- I didn't see any

6 notes of their conversations with him. If the

nurses had a conversation, you know, one of the

8 things I taught, and I believe is the medical

9 standard of care that would happen in a hospital, is

10 every interaction between a medical professional and

11 a patient generates a note of what happened of some

12 kind. So if the nurses --

13 Q. Like a refusal form?

14 A. If the nurses went up and talked to him

15 and said, How are you doing -- I'm talking about

16 later. I believe that you meant later. If the

17 nurses went up and saw him later and said, How are

18 you doing, I would expect that would have generated

19 a note.

20 And besides the refusal form, I don't

21 see that they made any investigation of why he was

22 refusing.

23 Q. And he refused -- strike that.

24 I need to know, in page 11, the basis

25 for you to say that the medical staff were aware of

1 medication verification form from the day

2 Mr. Schmieder was booked.

3 Which of his vitals were abnormal?

4 A. His heart rate is a hundred and one,

5 that's abnormal. His respiratory rate is

6 twenty-two, that's abnormal. His blood pressure is

7 okay. He doesn't have a fever.

8 Q. Okay. Pull up your records for

9 Mr. Mendoza.

10 A. I lost it. Oh, they're not in deaths.

11 That's why.

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Q. Are you with me, Doctor?

13 A. I'm looking for Mendoza. I've seen some

14 of the other patients go by, but I haven't seen

15 Mendoza yet.

16 MR. WEIL: Dr. Keller, I'm not sure how

17 to help you find it. I pulled it up from the e-mail

18 I sent you.

THE WITNESS: I've seen lots of otherones: Coleman, Date, Hodgkins, Luthke, Mask,

21 Xiong.

22 MR. WEIL: You're getting there. You're

23 getting there on that list.

THE WITNESS: And then a bunch of them, it isn't clear to see. It isn't clear exactly who



Case: 3:22-cv-00723-jdp Page 28 of 105 Document #: 109 Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 109 Page 111 it is, Eli Brush, without opening it. 1 between an R.N. and LPN significant to you, 2 2 So I need to open them all, I quess. Doctor? 3 MR. WEIL: You should be able to click 3 Α. Yes. 4 right at the top and just scroll through them. 4 Q. You repeatedly refer to the Monroe 5 5 County Jail R.N.s as LPNs. THE WITNESS: Hanson. Well, if you 6 Is there a reason for that? 6 found it, where is it in the list? 7 MR. WEIL: Yeah. I'm going to -- let me 7 A. Well, are they all R.N.s? When I used 8 see here, can we go off the record real quick? I LPN, I based it on what I was seeing in the -think I can get it to him pretty quickly. seeing on their signatures. 9 9 10 Is that okay, Doug? 10 Q. Okay. So, Doctor, there's no report of 11 MR. KNOTT: Sure. 11 chest pain in this note, correct? 12 12 MR. WEIL: Okav. Thanks. A. I am not sure if that is the one that I 13 (Pause in the proceedings.) 13 was referring to, but there -- yes. This is not the MR. WEIL: Are you ready to go back on, right one. It was the event that happened earlier 14 14 where the anxiety he had mentioned earlier, he did 15 15 Doug? 16 MR. KNOTT: Yeah. 16 not want to take his PRN Hydroxyzine. It's the interaction where the PRN Hydroxyzine was 17 MR. WEIL: Okay. 17 prescribed. 18 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So, Doctor, I'm sharing 18 19 the screen for an event from August 25, 2012. If 19 What are you reading, Doctor? you take a look at that, it's -- do you agree that 20 I'm reading right in the middle where it 20 21 this is the event that you described in your report 21 says: I asked patient about the anxiety he 22 22 mentioned to me he had been feeling earlier today. at page 11? 23 23 He agreed he was feeling anxious. He did not want A. Uh-huh, yes. It was -- actually, it was 24 the one earlier is the one I'm really talking about 24 to take his PRN Hydroxyzine. 25 25 where it says -- this is one -- the second one. He So it was already prescribed. So it was Page 112 Page 110 1 earlier than that. It was an earlier interaction was complaining the second time. 1 2 Okay. And actually, Doctor, you wrote 2 than this one. 3 in your report that it was August 25, 2019. In 3 Q. Well, you don't -- you don't reference fact, per MC39943, this is an event that occurred in Hydroxyzine in your report. 5 2012. 5 A. No. I don't mention Hydroxyzine in my 6 6 Okay? report. 7 A. Okay. And so are you saying there's another 7 8 So you made a mistake of fact as to the significant event on August 16th, 2019, where the 9 year that this occurred, right? q care was mismanaged? 10 10 Α. Yes. There is an incident, and I'll find it 11 And then with respect to the 2019 11 if I look -- if I continue to look, but there was an incident, August 16, 2019, page MC Medical 40219, incident where Mr. Mendoza wasn't -- here he's 12 13 It's a nursing note. complaining of repeating reporting his claim. It 14 Is this the source of your information 14 was -- well, maybe it was this one. I don't know. for the second half of your note? 15 The one I remember seeing was the nurse 15 16 had a diagnosis of anxiety. I don't think this is Α. I believe so. 16 17 Q. Paragraph 3, page 11, Doctor? 17 the same one. And the one where the Hydroxyzine 18 I believe so. started. So I don't believe that's the same one that I referenced. 19 And you wrote that the LPN diagnosed him 19 20 20 Q. So if there's another note on August 16, with anxiety. 21 21 2019, referencing the starting of Hydroxyzine, then First of all, she's an R.N., right?

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diagnosis.

that's what you're referring to. Otherwise you're

mistaken about there being a note describing a

I don't believe I am mistaken, and I

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A. Okay.

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Correct?

This note is signed by an R.N., yes.

And is the difference in training

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- don't believe -- no. I don't believe I'm mistaken
- about there being another note, and I don't believe
- I'm mistaken about having a diagnosis of anxiety, 3
- 4 and the beginning of Hydroxyzine.
- 5 Okay. So there's no reference in the
- note that's in front of you 040219 to a nurse making 6
- 7 a diagnosis.
- 8 Do you agree?
- 9 There's no reference there as to the
- 10 nurse making a diagnosis in that note.
- 11 And what she describes as the inmate had
- 12 mentioned anxiety to her earlier in the day. I'm
- 13 putting my highlighter on it, my mouse on it.
- Right? 14
- 15 Α. Yes. That note mentions that. I don't
- 16 believe that's the note I was referring to.
- 17 Okay. And he reported drinking a lot of
- coffee, at least in the note that I'm referring to, 18
- 19 right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 And he reported that he agreed he is
- 22 feeling anxious, right?
- 23 A. Yes. Even that being the case -- even
- 24 that being the case, though, this is something that
- 25 should have been elevated to a practitioner, maybe

- 1 she
- 2 Q. I want to talk to you about Elizabeth

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- 3 Coleman.
- 4 Α. Okav.
- 5 Q. Okav.
 - A. I've got Elizabeth Coleman open.
- 7 Q. And your criticism of the staff is that
- 8 she was not properly worked up for seizures; is that
- 9 correct?
- 10 Α. Correct.
 - Q. She was not seen by a practitioner. In
- fact, I'm showing you page MC Medical 011710. 12
- 13 Ms. Coleman was sent to the emergency room the night
- 14 she fell, right?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 And do you know what recommendations the
- 17 emergency room had for her?
- 18 A. Well, let's pull it up. So I've got --
- if you're looking at the med list that they sent
- 20 back, the after-visit summary, that's where I'm
- 21 at.
- 22 Q. Me, too, Doctor. So in the after-visit
- 23 summary, she was seen for a head injury. She was
- 24 given a CT and the recommendation was acetaminophen,
- 25 correct?

- A. No. I got the medication list as being
- 2 copaxone, metoclopramide, Albuterol, and
- 3 topiramate.
- 4 Right. And the topiramate was restarted
- at the recommendation of the R.N. in communication
- with the nurse practitioner after this workup at the
- 7 hospital, right, Doctor?
- 8 A. Right. And the nurse practitioner at
- 9 the jail never saw her. This is another reason why
- 10 the nurse practitioner should have seen her.
- 11 She went to the hospital with a head
- injury. Those patients who have an injury bad 12
- 13 enough that they need to go to the ER, you can't
- 14 just blindly assume they're going to get better.
- Some don't. And that should have generated a visit 15
- 16 with the nurse practitioner. It did not.
- 17 Someone that had just started a new
- 18 prescription for topiramate, she would have been on,
- what, seizure chronic care and should have been seen 19

So she had fallen on the 8th and had

- 20 by a practitioner, and she was not.
- 22 been to the emergency room, right?
- 23 Α. Yes.
- 24 And she had a CT, and was sent back to
- 25 the emergency room -- or sent back to the jail,

not immediately, but a practitioner should have seen

2 him. 3 Q. On his report of anxiety that resolved

- 4 in ten minutes?
- 5 With a prescription of Hydroxyzine,
- which is a medicine that needs to have a 6
- 7 practitioner prescribe it.
- You don't have any evidence of a cardiac
- 9 condition for Mr. Mendoza, true?
- 10 Α. No.
- 11 Q. And no evidence that he complained about
- his care, right? 12
- 13 Α. No.
- 14 And no evidence that this report on
- 15 August 16, 2019, was anything other than anxiety,
- 16 true?

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- 17 A. No. I have no evidence -- I don't know
- whether that is true or not. I do think, though,
- 19 that there are other things in the differential
- 20 diagnosis that would cause rapid heart rate and not
- 21 being able to breathe that are not anxiety, and
- 22 proper management is to rule them out first.
- 23 As far as you know, it was anxiety and
- the nurse was correct. 24
- 25 I don't -- I don't know. Neither does

March 19, 2024 Page 117 Page 119 right? A. No. That was -- that was me. I 1 2 2 Α. Yes. evidently missed that -- that form. That mistake 3 Q. The hospital listed her medications as 3 was my mistake, not Mr. Weil's mistake. including topiramate --Q. I want to try to move along through 5 Α. Yes. 5 these. I generally -- I know you don't think it's 6 Q. -- right? important, but I want to ask you whether you're 6 7 And you're critical of the continuation 7 aware of the outcome for these patients. So I just 8 of the topiramate? 8 want to get that factually in the record. 9 A. No. 9 So Troy Maske, you describe his report 10 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 10 of heartburn, and he was given Tums in 2019, and you THE WITNESS: I'm critical of the fact 11 11 say he should have had a cardiac workup. 12 Is that your criticism? 12 that she had never seen a practitioner. So, for 13 example, here on page -- let's see, I don't see a 13 A. Well, my criticism starts before that on Bates number on it, but I'm looking at a narrative 6-14-19, where he was given an emergency dose of progress note 9-13-19. Nurse was called to pod by clonidine, and if he's sick enough to get an 16 jail staff because patient was having a seizure. emergency dose of clonidine, he needed to have -- he 17 She was able to stand and walk back to her -- she 17 should have had -- he should have had a workup. was not visibly shaking. She saw flashing lights. 18 I mean, he should have been seen 19 She calmed down, asked questions, never referred to 19 face-to-face by a practitioner, and if he really 20 a practitioner. needs an emergency dose of clonidine, he's that 21 Q. Can I share on the screen with you, 21 sick, he needs face-to-face workup with a 22 Doctor? This is MC Medical 011711. 22 practitioner, so he should have been sent to the 23 23 hospital for a cardiac workup, I guess, at that Can you see this? 24 A. Yes. 24 point. 25 25 And it's a medical progress note, MPPA. And then again, he's -- the nurse Page 118 Page 120 practitioner never saw him, as far as I could see Do you see that at the top? on -- after he -- after he complained of chest pain 2 Uh-huh. 3 January 27, '20, and signed by a nurse 3 and was given -- had abnormal vital signs and was Q. 4 given Tums. 4 practitioner. 5 So do you agree that your criticism that 5 Q. And you have no evidence that Mr. Maske actually had a cardiac condition, right? 6 this patient was never seen by the nurse 6 practitioner in person is baseless criticism? 7 A. No. 7 8 MR. WEIL: Object to form. And you have no evidence that Mr. Maske 9 THE WITNESS: The criticism I have with 9 asked for or felt the need for more treatment. 10 right? that -- okay. I guess I'll have to -- I'll admit 10 11 that she was seen by --11 Α. No. That's irrelevant. The nurse practitioner --12 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Can we start with --12 13 can we start with if you're critical with the nurse 13 Q. I understand that. I'm trying to get the facts --14 practitioner for never seeing her, then you're 14 15 On 6-14, the nurse practitioner thought 15 wrong? Can we start with that? 16 he was so sick that he needed an emergency dose of a MR. WEIL: Object to form. 17 THE WITNESS: It appears that the nurse 17 cardiac medication, and yet never saw him later and practitioner saw her. 18 never sent him to the ER. 18 19 So then he complains again on a second 19 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) So the criticism you 20 20 time of chest pain, and this time he got Tums, which articulated in paragraph four is inaccurate. 21 21 is not an emergency medication, but nevertheless, he Do you agree with that? 22 A. Yes. needed to have a face-to-face with a nurse 23 23 practitioner --And, Doctor, did you receive information from Mr. Weil's firm that Ms. Coleman was never seen 24 Q. So --25 by a practitioner? 25 -- or go to the ER.

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- Q. I'm just trying to get these facts of
- 2 record, and there's no evidence that Mr. Maske had
- actually had a cardiac condition, right?
- 4 Α. Right.
- 5 And there's no evidence that he had an
- untoward outcome from his complaints of chest pain 6
- in 2019, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 And you described -- well, strike that.
- 10 Mr. Hanson was sent to the emergency
- room for medical clearance before he was booked into 11
- 12 the jail, right?
- 13 Okay. So let's go to Mr. Hanson.
- 14 It's in your report. Q.
- 15 Α. Right.
- 16 Q. Take your time.
- 17 Right. He went to the emergency
- department for hemoptysis just right before he was 18
- 19 booked into jail.
- 20 Q. I'm trying to find the document where
- 21 you say that the nurse diagnosed him with acid
- 22 reflux.
- 23 At any rate --
- 24 I was on the wrong page.
- 25 -- there's no evidence that you're aware

- Page 123 1 on the schedule to be seen at a clinic, and they're
- discharged before that clinic date comes around,
- 3 true?

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- 4 Α. That is true.
- 5 Q. I'm going to share a screen for Eli
- Brush, and your comments on Mr. Brush are in reverse 6
- order, I think. With respect to the 2019 event,
- 12-21-2019, you say: Mr. Brush was seen by an LPN
- who diagnosed anxiety and prescribed Hydroxyzine 9
- 10 without calling a practitioner.
 - So that would be reflected in this
- narrative note, wouldn't it, Doctor? 12
- 13 A. I can't -- can you enlarge that? I
- can't read it. Okay. 14
- 15 And I don't -- first of all, this was
- 16 an R.N., not an LPN as you've described her.
 - Right.
- And I don't see anywhere in her language 18 Q.
- 19 that she diagnosed him with anxiety, do you?
 - Okay. I'm not sure if that is the one
- 21 that I saw, but it must have been. That's the date.
- 22 So no, I don't see where she diagnosed anxiety
- 23 there.
- 24 Q. And your criticism is that the R.N.
- diagnosed anxiety and prescribed Hydroxyzine without

- Page 122 of, Doctor, that Mr. Hanson had a cardiac disorder,
- true? 2
- 3 Α. No.
- MR. WEIL: Object to form. 4
- 5 Go ahead and answer.
- 6 MR. KNOTT: Excuse me.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I have no evidence that he
- had a cardiac abnormality.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And no evidence that
- Mr. Hanson felt that he needed more treatment or to
- 11 go to the hospital, right?
- 12 No. Α.
- And no evidence that Mr. Hanson had an
- 14 untoward outcome, true?
- 15 Α. No.
- 16 Q. Not true?
- No. I have no evidence that he had an 17
- untoward outcome. But the fact that his care was
- not elevated to a nurse practitioner of some kind,
- that the LPN didn't even call the practitioner, 20
- 21 didn't put him on the schedule to see a
- 22 practitioner, that was inappropriate medical care.
- 23 The fact that he had no bad outcome doesn't make it
- 24 okay.
- 25 Sometimes, Doctor, the inmates are put

- calling a practitioner, and that's not true either
- 2 is it, Doctor? This is a telephoned voice order
- 3 from the nurse practitioner, right?
- 4 A. I don't think that that is the -- that
- that is the right note that I looked at. Doesn't
- 6 look like the right note. I would have to find the
- 7 right note.
- 8 Q. Do you agree that Hydroxyzine was
- 9 ordered as a result of a telephone order with the
- nurse practitioner --10
- 11 Α. Yes.
 - -- on December 21 of 2019?
- 13 Α.

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- 14 Q. And there's no evidence that Mr. Brush
- had a cardiac disorder, true? 15
- A. No. 16
- 17 Q. No evidence that Mr. Brush felt the need
- 18 for more treatment or to go to the hospital, true?
- 19 Α.
- 20 And no evidence that Mr. Brush had an Q.
- 21 untoward outcome, true?
 - A. True.
- 23 Do you have another criticism about the
- 24 treatment of Mr. Brush on February 20, 2020? I'll
- tell you, I couldn't find any treatment on



Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 125 Page 127 right? February 20, 2020, but this is February '22. 1 2 2 And assuming this is what you're Α. No. referring to, there's no reference in this document

- 5 A. Well, the quick, dull cramp, I guess.
- That's the one I'm looking at. 6
- 7 It doesn't say where that is.

to Mr. Brush reporting chest pain.

- 8 A. Well, let's go down. If that's the one,
- yeah, no major medical concern. So I assume that
- 10 that was chest pain.
- 11 Okay. His vitals are normal?
- 12 Α. Yes.

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- 13 Sitting comfortably in the chair with no
- 14 physical distress?
- 15 A. It should have been elevated to either
- 16 go to the hospital or to see Ms. Pisney later, which
- 17 I don't believe he did.
- 18 Q. All right. Again, well --
- 19 I'm going to share with you a record for
- 20 Mr. Hage, and your criticism is he was seen by
- 21 an LPN who diagnosed withdrawal and prescribed
- 22 Hydroxyzine without calling a practitioner?
- 23 Do you agree with me, Doctor?
- 24 Α. Yup, yes.
- 25 It wasn't an LPN, it was an R.N. that

- 3 Q. And with respect to the lump on
- Mr. Hage's back, you don't have any evidence that,
- 5 in fact, it was a malignancy, correct?
- 6 Α. No.
- Q. And isn't it a true statement that it's
- 8 unlikely malignant if it's movable?
- A. Well, that might be true. It's just 9
- that an R.N. or an LPN, a nurse, shouldn't be the
- 11 one making that determination. It should be a
- 12 practitioner making that determination.
- 13 The nurse might have been right, but
- she's not the right person to be making that
- determination. She should have elevated that to a 16 practitioner.
- 17 Q. Doctor, if you look at the note of that,
- it's MC Medical 22552, it's actually Dr. Schamber 18
- 19 who's relating that it's most likely not malignant
- if moveable, true? 20
- 21 Dr. Schamber needed to examine the patient himself. His -- that comment may or may not 22
- 23 be right, but he needs to examine the patient.
- 24 Q. I want to ask you about Erin Oliver.
 - Sir, with respect to this Erin Oliver,

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- interacted with him that day, right? 1
- Yes. 2 Α.
- 3 She didn't diagnose withdrawal. Her
- assessment was possible withdrawal, right? 4
- 5 That's shaving a point, but she thought
- 6 he was having withdrawal.
- 7 And your criticism that it was
- 8 prescribed without calling a practitioner is
- 9 erroneous because it says telephone order of
- 10 Dr. Schamber, right?
- 11 A. Yes, that's correct.
- 12 And Dr. Schamber signed it the next day.
- 13 But didn't see the patient.
- 14 With respect to Mr. Hage, there's no
- evidence of an actual cardiac disorder; is that 15
- 16 true?
- 17 No. I think the question on Mr. Hage
- was one of withdrawal. 18
- 19 Q. So that is a true statement by me?
- 20 Α.
- 21 And there's no evidence that Mr. Hage
- thought that he needed more treatment or to go to 22
- 23 the hospital, right?
- 24 No. Α.
- 25 And no evidence of a bad outcome,

- 1 if I understand your narrative correctly, she
- reported a decaying tooth. Nurse Pisney saw her,
- and identified it as a cavity in the middle of the
- tooth space on November 29, and she was seen at the
- 5 dentist on January 2, 2020.
- 6 Α. Right.
- And I assume that you're not qualified
- to give an opinion that the four teeth extraction
- could have been avoided if she had been seen
- earlier? 10
- 11 A. No, I am not, but I am -- but I can say
- that it should have been elevated to see a dentist
- far sooner and that her pain and suffering during
- 14 that month could have been lessened if it had been
- elevated to a dentist sooner. 15
- 16 Doctor, do you have trouble getting
- 17 dentists to treat prisoners in Idaho?
 - Α. No.
- Do you ever have delays in getting 19
- 20 prisoners out for the dental care they thought they
- 21 needed?

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- 22 A. No, I haven't. I would expect if that
- was the case in -- on Erin Oliver, that a nurse or 23
- somebody would have written a note that said I
- called a dentist, and earliest we can get Ms. Oliver



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- 1 in is such-and-such, and I've informed Ms. Oliver of
- 2 this. I didn't see any such note. It might be that
- 3 what you say is the case, but I didn't see any
- 4 evidence of it.
- Q. I'll share with you MC Medical 42706.
- 6 It is a report from Ms. Oliver, sick call request,
- 7 December 31. And the response is made the same day
- 8 saying: Erin, an appointment has been made for you
- 9 to be seen at the dentist. Due to jail policy,
- 10 medical cannot tell you the date. And then it says:
- 11 Patient seen by the nurse practitioner?
- 12 A. Yeah. My criticism isn't that she
- 13 eventually got to the dentist. My criticism is she
- 14 should have been elevated to the dentist far
- 15 earlier.
- 16 If she could not have been elevated --
- 17 you know, if they couldn't have made an appointment
- 18 on December 7th, December 9th, November 29th, then I
- 19 would -- if they had written a note, then that would
- 20 have been one thing. I did not see a note to that
- 21 effect.
- 22 Q. In your discussion of the cases at
- 23 facilities serviced by ACH --
- 24 MR. WEIL: Can we take a quick bathroom
- 25 break if you're shifting gear?

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- 1 MR. KNOTT: Yeah. Yeah, but I'm going
- 2 to try to wrap up soon here.
- 3 MR. WEIL: Okay. Well, your call. I
- 4 could use one, if you wouldn't mind.
- 5 MR. KNOTT: Yes.
- 6 MR. WEIL: Thank you.
- 7 (A brief recess was had.)
- 8 MR. KNOTT: Back on the record.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Doctor, with respect to
- 10 the eleven cases at other facilities serviced by
- 11 ACH, the extent of your knowledge is contained in
- 12 papers or the records you received from Mr. Weil's
- 13 office, right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And those eleven cases were selected by
- 16 Mr. Weil, I think some of them were included in the
- 17 complaint. They were not selected by you, right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And, well, with respect to the Monroe
- 20 County Jail cases, there were, I think, seven of
- 21 them that you said you had technical difficulties
- 22 and couldn't open the file.
- 23 I assume you are not able to open the
- 24 file today.

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25 A. Probably not. I haven't looked, but

- 1 probably not.
- 2 Q. You don't have any opinions on those?

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- 3 A. No
 - Q. And did you rely -- with respect to the
- 5 eleven cases from those other facilities, did you
- 6 rely on the plaintiff's expert or their evaluation
- 7 of the case?
- 8 A. I looked at all the -- all their records
- 9 myself that I was sent. I also looked at some, but
- 10 not all of the plaintiff's experts.
- 11 Q. Did you look at some of the defense
- 12 expert reports?
- 13 A. No. I don't think I was sent any
- 14 defense expert reports, so I did not look at any
- 15 defense expert reports.
- 16 Q. Are the records that you received for
- 17 those eleven cases summarized in some correspondence
- 18 from Mr. Weil's office?
- 19 A. Would you repeat the question?
 - Q. Yeah. I don't want to repeat the
- 21 question. It was a bad question.
- Were the records from the eleven cases
- 23 that you reviewed for other facilities, were those
- 24 abstracted or summarized in some way by Mr. Weil's
- 25 office?

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Page 132 Mr. Weil's office did do a summary on

- 2 them, but the records I reviewed were the actual
- 3 records from the facilities that I was sent plus
- 4 some autopsy reports and autopsy files.
- 5 Q. And I'm sorry if I asked you this, but
- 6 you didn't read any depositions, right?
- 7 A. I read some plaintiffs' depositions, but
- 8 I didn't -- but I didn't read all of them, and I
- 9 didn't read any defense depositions.
- 10 Q. Why would you choose to do that?
- 11 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
 - THE WITNESS: On the depositions, I
 - 3 relied on the summaries that were provided to me by
- 14 Mr. Weil's office.
- 15 MR. KNOTT: And, Mr. Weil, have those
- 16 summaries been provided to us?
- 17 MR. WEIL: We provided you the
- 18 documents --
- 19 THE COURT REPORTER: Wait. Speak up a
- 20 little bit. I couldn't hear you.
 - MR. WEIL: We have provided the
- 22 summaries that we provided to Dr. Keller.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Dr. Keller, a
- 24 differential diagnosis is not simply the process of
- 25 ordering the most serious potential cause of



Case: 3:22-cv-00723-jdp Page 34 of 105 Document #: 109 Filed: 02/12/2 Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 133 Page 135 1 MR. WEIL: Object to form. symptoms at the top, no matter how unlikely, is 2 2 it? THE WITNESS: Well, to some degree it 3 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 3 is, although it has common ground no matter what the patient and what the complaint, and that is that you 4 Go ahead and answer. 5 THE WITNESS: Differential diagnosis 5 have gather a history and you do a physical exam. And then where you go from that depends takes into account likelihood as well as -- as well 6 7 as lethality and ability to cause morbidity. on what you've learned from the -- from the history 8 So the whole process of developing a 8 and the physical exam. differential diagnosis takes into account the most Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Do you agree that 9 likely things, but also ranks those; so, yes, there anxiety is a cause of Ms. Boyer's elevated blood 10 pressure, shortness of breath, and diaphoresis on is that, but it also ranks them according to which 11 Sunday the 22nd, that anxiety would be on the 12 ones are most important to rule out first. 13 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And the clinician is 13 differential diagnosis, at least a potential explanation? 14 required to evaluate the report of symptoms in each 14 15 case to weigh the likelihood of each diagnosis as 15 MR. WEIL: Object to form. THE WITNESS: It would not have been on 16 explaining the symptoms, right? 16 my differential diagnosis at that point. 17 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 17 Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) Nowhere on the 18 THE WITNESS: The first step in 18 19 formulating a differential diagnosis is to get a 19 differential? complete history and do a physical exam. It's 20 Α. Maybe low down. But I mean, the idea 20 that anxiety alone in a patient with a high 21 inappropriate to start speculating beforehand. 21 22 22 problem -- high risk factor for heart disease, and a After you do --23 23 related history of cancer and chemotherapy, that Q. So it's a --24 24 that person's diaphoresis, sweatiness, and blood MR. WEIL: Let Dr. Keller finish.

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25 THE WITNESS: After you get your -- do

pressure elevation, and all of the elevations, would have been due to anxiety, is so low that it wouldn't

the history and do the physical, then is the time to formulate a differential diagnosis based on, yes, 3 the complaints the patient has, but also based on the history that you got and the physical exam that 5 you did that. 6 (BY MR. KNOTT:) And do you agree that the ordering of the potential diagnosis on a

differential diagnosis involves the application of 9 clinical judgment to the facts and circumstances of 10 the case? 11 MR. WEIL: Object to form. Go ahead and

12 answer.

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) And the manner that you

13 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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15 approach the workup to attempt to investigate and 16 find the cause of the symptoms, that involves 17 clinical judgment, doesn't it? 18 MR. WEIL: Object to form. 19 Go ahead and answer.

20 THE WITNESS: Would you repeat that 21 question, please.

23 clinician proceeds through the workup to address and investigate the symptoms is a matter of clinical

Q. (BY MR. KNOTT:) The manner in which the

25 judgment, too, isn't it?

have even been on my list. It's possible, yes; but 2 it certainly not probable. 3

4 MR. KNOTT: All right. I'm going to wrap it up there and let others ask questions while 6 I check my notes.

7 MR. JONES: I'm happy to go next, John, 8 unless you want to start.

9 MR. CASSERLY. That's fine. I'll only have about fifteen or twenty minutes when you're 10 11 done.

12 MR. JONES: Okay.

EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. JONES:

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16 Doctor, I'm Andrew Jones. I'm the 17 attorney who represents the Monroe County, and the 18 individual Monroe County defendants.

19 I'm going to try and move as quickly as 20 I can. I know we've been at this a while. But I do 21 want to ask some follow-up questions in particular 22 about the Monroe County patients whose records you 23 reviewed.

24 Fair enough?

25 Yes. Α.

Case: 3:22-cv-00723-jdp Page 35 of 105 Document #: 109 Filed: 02/12 Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 137 Page 139 Q. And tell me, how is it easiest for you? 1 Is that your understanding? 2 I notice when Mr. Knott had pages up that he was 2 A. sharing on his screen that you more often than not 3 Q. And his vitals were taken as part of that medical history, correct? were looking at the laptop that's in front of you at 4 5 5 the medical record on the laptop. A. Yes. 6 Is it easier if I just refer to a Bates 6 Q. And was there anything abnormal in those number for a particular patient, or do you want me vital signs as of December 21st? to share on the screen? 8 Α. No. 9 Why don't you share on the screen 9 Q. And was there any indication of any sort 10 because oftentimes I could not find what I was 10 of cardiac or heart problem or abnormality as a 11 looking for. result of that medical history completed on the 12 Okay. So for Mr. Xiong -- I'm sorry. 12 Q. 21st? 13 So we talked about the episode of chest 13 Α. No. pain he had on December 30th. And I want to go back Q. And then, if we look to -- if we go then 14 14 15 to when he was screened into the jail on to the evening of December 30th, when he first 16 December 9th. Okay? And I'm sharing on the screen 16 complained of chest pain, I'm showing you Monroe 17 Monroe County 3127 through 31. County 3073 through 75, this is the document filled 17 18 You recognize this as I'm moving 18 out by the officer as a result of his complaint,

19 about --

20 Α.

21 -- as the medical screening report for

22 Mr. Xiong?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. It would have been completed at the time

25 he was booked into the jail?

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1 Α. Yes.

2 And you noted in your report that his

3 blood pressure was high when he was booked, yes?

4 Α. Yes.

5 Q. One fifty-four over ninety-three?

6 Yes.

And the direction at the time was to 7

administer a dose of clonidine and then recheck his

9 blood pressure over the next several days,

correct? 10

11 A. Yes.

12 And I'm showing you now what's been

13 marked as 3083 through 85.

14 Do you recognize having seen these

15 refusal of treatment forms before just now?

16 And they indicate that he refused to

17 have his blood pressure checked on the 11th of

December and the 10th of December, correct? 18

19 Α. Yes.

20 He did have a medical history completed

21 while he was in the jail, correct?

22 Yes. Α.

23 I'm showing you Monroe County 3087.

24 It's a little hard to tell the date on this, but I

25 understood this was from December 21st of 2016.

19 ves?

20 Α. Yes.

21 All right. And Mr. Xiong indicated he

22 had no history of heart disease, elevated blood

23 pressure, or other medical conditions, correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 And he indicated to the officer he

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wasn't on any heart medication, yes? 1

Yes. 2 Α.

> Q. No history of cocaine usage, correct?

4 Α. Yes.

5 And he evidently was then asked by the

6 officer how long he had been having the pain,

7 correct?

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8 A. Yes.

9 And his response was it had just started

10 five minutes ago, correct?

11 Α. Yes.

12 And he was asked by the officer for his

13 subjective assessment or understanding of what was

14 causing the pain, yes?

> Α. Yes.

And he indicated that he had eaten spicy 16

17 noodles, yes?

Yes. 18 Α.

19 And he told the officer he had not had

20 similar symptoms before this, correct?

21 Correct.

22 And he told the officer the pain came

23 and went, correct?

24 Yes. Which is -- which, by the way, is Α.

25 important.



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Q. That's one of the things you want

2 Mr. Xiong to have been asked, correct?

3 Α. Yes.

4 And he indicated he described the pain Q.

5 as hot, aching, yes?

Yes. 6 Α.

7 Q. He did not have nausea or vomiting?

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q Q. No shortness of breath, correct?

10 Α. Yes.

And there was no pain in his neck, 11

12 shoulder, or arm, correct?

13 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

14 THE WITNESS: Well, he -- except he

pointed to his left bicep when asked where he felt 15 16 the pain.

17 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Well, let me ask a

better question. When asked if the pain was in his 18

19 neck, shoulder, or arm, he responded no, correct?

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21 Q. And when he was asked to show or

22 pinpoint the area of the pain, he put his hand on

23 his left bicep, correct?

24 Α. Yes.

25 Q. The vitals were measured as shown on the

Page 143 or doctor's office, he would not just be given Tums

for this, he would get a workup. At the very

minimum, he should have been in front of a

practitioner. He needed to be seen by a

practitioner. It should have been elevated to a 5

practitioner. 6

7 So the doctor they called, or the

8 practitioner they called, could have come to the

jail, or he could have gone out. But either way, he

10 should have been seen by a practitioner based on his

11 presentation.

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12 Q. And is it -- is it acceptable or not

13 acceptable if someone complains of chest pain that

started five minutes ago, and the person

15 subjectively attributes to having eaten spicy food

to suggest they take Tums or an antacid, and then

17 see if that resolves the symptoms?

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

19 THE WITNESS: Well, seeing if that 20 resolved the symptoms I don't believe occurred. One

21 of the things what I'd be interested in as a

22 practitioner would be, even more than that, I'd be

23 interested in whether -- if his vital sign

24 abnormalities, how they changed with time.

So if he gets rechecked, and says: Hey,

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form, correct?

2 Α. Yes.

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And he had, to the officer's

observation, no shortness of breath and no abnormal

5 sweating, correct?

6 Α. Yes.

7 And when you -- when you testified, I

believe -- well, let me put it differently. When

you said in your report that his symptoms were

10 consistent with a heart attack, what specifically

11 are you pointing to?

12 A. Well, first of all, he's -- he's in a

high risk category based on his age, near fifty, and

the fact that he has high blood pressure, as a

matter of fact, his blood pressure was so high he 15

16 needed an emergency dose of clonidine to bring it

17 down.

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18 He's having -- he's having pain, cardiac

pain is felt in the chest, but commonly radiates to

20 the left arm. He's having pain in the left arm.

21 Cardiac pain typically, or very commonly, comes and

22 goes. You get it and it goes away, you get it back.

23 And then he has abnormal vital signs.

24 So all of that in an emergency room, he

would not -- or an urgent care center, for example,

did the Tums help? I would want to check his vital

signs, too. And it doesn't matter whether the Tums 2 worked or not, if he's still in an emergency room or 3

an urgent care center would get a workup based on

5 the fact that he was high -- that he's in a high

6 risk category.

7 (BY MR. JONES:) So again, my question

8 was, would it be acceptable or not acceptable with

9 an individual who complained of chest pain that

started five minutes ago, who subjectively 10

11 attributed it to having eaten spicy food, to direct

12 them to take Tums or an antacid, and see if that

13 resolved the issue?

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

15 THE WITNESS: It would have been perfectly acceptable to give the patient Tums while 16 17 the doctor was on the way in to see him.

18 And then when the doctor got there could say: How did the Tums do? Let's see what your 20 vital signs are now, and let me get a more complete 21 history.

22 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) So do you know whether

23 or not Mr. Xiong complained of any ongoing symptoms

24 before he complained at 7:00 a.m. the next

25 morning?



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- A. No. All I have to go on are the
- 2 documents. I don't have anything indicating
- anything in between.
- Q. And when he complained at 7:00 a.m., he
- 5 was sent to the hospital, correct?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 Q. And this was discussed a little bit, but
- I want to be clear, I want the record to be clear.
- In your report you indicate that at the hospital it
- was determined that he had been experiencing a heart 10
- 11 attack.
- 12 Do you have any source for that
- 13 statement in your report?
- 14 A. I got that from somewhere. I don't
- 15 remember where. And I -- so I can't answer that
- 16 right now. But I will say it doesn't matter.
- 17 Sending him to the hospital --
- 18 Q. That's not -- we've been at this for
- 19 quite a while, Doctor, and my question is: Do you
- 20 have a source for that assertion in your report?
- 21 A. I have a source -- I had a source. I
- 22 didn't just make it up. I'm not -- I can't remember
- what that source is right now. 23
- 24 And your report doesn't tell us what the
- 25 source is.

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- Page 147 Q. And who created this spreadsheet, if you
 - know?
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- 3 Α. I don't know specifically who created
- 4 this spreadsheet.
- 5 Do you have a copy of this spreadsheet
- 6 that identifies what each of the columns in the
- 7 spreadsheet represents?
- 8 A. I have a copy of the spreadsheet. I'm
- not sure -- I don't remember what each of the 9
- columns represents. I'm not sure exactly what 10
- you're asking.
- 12 Well, what I'm asking you is, what
- 13 information is shared in column A of the
- 14 spreadsheet?
 - Α. I don't know.
- 16 Q. What information is shared in
- 17 column B?
- 18 A. I don't know the answer to that right
- 19 now.

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- 20 Do you understand or know how the
- 21 individuals who were listed on this page of the
- 22 spreadsheet are organized?
 - A. Do I know how the person who prepared
- 24 this organized it and why it was organized in that
- 25 way? I don't know. I think it was organized

- Correct. Α.
- 2 And if there's no indication or
- 3 statement in the medical records that you reviewed
- that were provided to you, where would you have
- gotten that? Are you able to enlighten us at all as
- 6 to where you got that factual assertion?
- 7 As I sit here I do not remember where I
- 8 got it.
- 9 On the screen is an Excel spreadsheet
- that Mr. Weil provided to counsel about sixteen
- 11 minutes before we began this morning.
- 12 MR. WEIL: It's not on the screen,
- 13 Andrew.
- 14 MR. JONES: Oh, it isn't?
- 15 MR. WEIL: No.
- 16 MR. JONES: Oh, I'm sorry. Hang on.
- 17 Thanks, Steve.
- (BY MR. JONES:) Okay. Do you see it at 18
- 19 this point, Doctor?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 Q. Do you recognize this spreadsheet?
- 22 Yes. Α.
- 23 And what do you understand it to be?
- It's a spreadsheet of patients from the 24
- 25 Monroe County Jail.

- 1 alphabetically, but a spreadsheet like that you can change, of course.
- Q. Do you know what the information in 3
- 4 column F means?
- 5 A. I think the information in column F is
- how significant the person who did the evaluation
- 7 thought the care was.
- 8 Q. And, again, you don't know who did the
- 9 evaluation for that?
- 10 Α. No.
- 11 Q. And how, if at all, did you use or rely
- 12 on this spreadsheet in your work?
- 13 Well, I thought the ones that this
- 14 person said were appropriate care, I assumed were
- 15 appropriate care, and I didn't review them.
- 16 I reviewed a couple of -- I mainly
- 17 reviewed the cases that were in the complaint. I
- think I reviewed a couple that were -- that this
- person thought were problematic, but that's how I 19
- 20 used it.
- 21 Q. So for the individuals -- the eleven or
- 22 twelve individuals who are discussed in your report
- 23 who were patients or inmates in the Monroe County
- Jail, did you look to this spreadsheet and rely on 24
- the description -- descriptions given in columns G



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1 and H in your work in this case?

2 MR. WEIL: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: I read them. I don't

believe that I -- I relied on them. I relied on the

5 medical records.

6 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) But did you review the

7 descriptions in this spreadsheet for the patients

8 that are discussed in your report?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And I'm showing you a second page of the

11 same spreadsheet.

12 Have you seen this page before, or did

13 you look at this page as part of your work?

14 A. No, I didn't look at the second page.

15 Q. And do you know who Essence and Jessie

16 are?

17 A. No.

18 Q. So I want to shift gears to Mr. Mendoza.

19 Jose Mendoza.

20 Sharing my screen again.

21 Do you see the screen?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So in your report -- and Mr. Knott asked

24 you some questions about this -- but in your report,

25 you talk about incidents that occurred on

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Q. Were there other medications on this

2 list that relate to anxiety?

3 A. Well, all of them can relate to anxiety

4 except for the one on top. That's an allergy med.

5 Q. And then to return to the note from

6 August 16th -- a little bit cumbersome, so bear with7 me.

8 So this is the progress note that you

9 were looking at earlier from August 16th of 2019,

10 correct?

11 A. That was the one that was shown to me

12 earlier, yes.

13 Q. And I want to be clear, this is the note14 that you were referring to in your report when you

15 talk about this incident on August 16th, correct?

16 A. I believe it is, yes.

17 Q. And I mean, the complaint that's stated

18 in the first two lines is almost word for word your

19 description of Mr. Mendoza's complaint on that date,

20 correct?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So this note is what you were talking

23 about in your report for this date, correct?

24 A. I believe so, yes.

25 Q. And, again, this is -- this was an R.N.,

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1 August 16th of '29 (sic), correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Where Mr. Mendoza complained that his

4 heart was beating too fast and that he could not

5 breathe, yes?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And your description in your report is

8 about an LPN diagnosing him with anxiety, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So what I've got on the screen, that's a

11 medication administration record for Mr. Mendoza,

12 yes?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And it's pretty faint or pretty small,

15 but at the bottom right above the Bates number, it

16 indicates this is from July of that year, yes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So before the situation on August 16th,

19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it shows Mr. Mendoza being on an

22 anti-anxiety medication in July of 2019, correct?

23 A. Yes

24 Q. And that would be the Hydroxyzine?

25 A. Yes.

1 not an LPN, responding to Mr. Mendoza's complaint,

2 correct?

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3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And other than -- other than the pulse,

5 his vitals were normal, correct?

6 A. Well, his respiratory rate is a little

7 high, too.

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8 Q. Well, how high?

A. Oh, I think top normal is sixteen.

10 Q. And this is somebody who was already on

11 medication for anxiety, correct?

12 A. Well, you showed me -- you showed me the

3 month previously. I don't know if he was on -- I

14 would assume he was, but I haven't seen the

15 spreadsheet for that month.

16 Q. Well, take a look at the page on the

17 screen. This is from August of that year,

18 correct?

19 A. Yes, all right. That's August, yes, he

20 was.

21 Q. And he's on the Hydroxyzine in August of

22 that year, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. So this was somebody who was already on

25 medication prescribed by a provider for anxiety



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medications, correct?

2 Α. Yes.

3 Q. So the R.N. didn't, quote, unquote,

4 diagnose him with anxiety, correct?

5 Does not look like it.

> He had already been diagnosed with Q.

anxiety, correct?

MR. WEIL: Object to form.

9 THE WITNESS: I have not seen anything

that showed where he had been diagnosed with

11 anxiety. You haven't showed me anything like

12 that.

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13 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Well, let my put it

14 differently. He had already been prescribed an

15 anti-anxiety medication, correct?

16 Α. Yes.

17 Q. And those -- and you don't have any

18 reason to believe that the anti-anxiety medication

19 that he had already been taking in July and August

20 hadn't been prescribed or authorized by a

21 practitioner, do you?

22 Α. No.

23 Q. And when Mr. Mendoza came to the nurse

24 on the evening of August 16th, he reported to her

25 that he had refused or declined to take the the jail, correct?

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2 Correct.

> Q. Or that there was any treatment that he

4 was seeking that he did not receive, correct?

5 Α. Correct.

> Q. I'm sorry, I didn't hear your answer.

7 Correct. Α.

8 If we could shift gears, and I'd like to

9 ask you about Elizabeth Coleman.

You talked about with Mr. Knott the fact 10

that she had had an incident on January 8th of 2020, 11

that resulted in her being sent to the hospital,

13 correct?

14 Α. Yes.

15 Q. And she had fallen and hit her head,

16 correct?

17 Α. Yes.

And there was a question on January 8th 18

19 as to whether that had been caused by a seizure,

20 correct?

21 Α. Yes.

22 Q. And she did, in fact, go to the

23 hospital, correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 That was on the 8th?

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Page 154 anti-anxiety medication earlier that day, correct?

2 Α.

3 Q. And that he had been drinking a lot of

4 coffee.

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5 Do you see that?

6 Yes.

I'm showing you a progress note from 7

8 August 30th, correct?

9 Α. Yes.

10 And this is something you would have

11 reviewed in your work on the case, correct?

12 Α.

13 Q. And his vitals were fine on that day,

14 correct?

Yes. 15 Α.

No indication there that any sort of 16

17 problem had developed because of the care he was

given on August 16th, correct? 18

19 Α. No.

20 Q. My statement was a correct one; is that

true? 21

22 Your statement was a correct one. Α.

23 Okay. There's no evidence that you're

24 aware of that there was an adverse outcome for

25 Mr. Mendoza because of the care he was provided in

A. Yes. 1

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2 And the hospital, in discharging her,

3 indicated that -- well, let me ask you: What does

it mean in this set what I'm calling discharge

paperwork from the hospital, that it describes,

6 quote, unquote, your medication list?

7 What does that mean?

A. Well, I don't know if that means that

9 it's medications that the patient came in on. I

10 don't believe that she went to the hospital on those

11 medications, but she might have, I guess.

12 Q. Well, let me ask you, do you know or do

13 you not know whether -- when she went to the

14 hospital, she was already on those medications?

Well, let's take the first one,

copaxone. I don't believe she was on the medication 16

17 copaxone when she went to the hospital.

What's copaxone for?

19 It's a medicine for -- I believe it's a

20 medicine for muscular (sic) sclerosis.

What about the other ones?

22 A. I don't know what she was on when she

went to the hospital. It might have been 23

medications that they identified from their records

25 from previous admissions to the hospital or from the



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pharmacy, from records they had.

- 2 Q. I'm sharing my screen again showing you
- 3 MC Medical 11723 to 74. This is a medical history
- and health appraisal completed on January 8th,
- 5 correct?
- A. Yes. 6
- And under subjective data it indicates
- 8 she's got MS, correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And that she has a history of seizures,
- yes? 11
- 12 Yes. Α.
- 13 And that she usually takes copaxone for
- her MS and seizures, correct?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 So going back to the hospital discharge
- 17 summary, or after-visit summary, those medications
- listed under her medication list, do you have any 18
- 19 reason to believe those weren't medications that she
- had regularly been taking at that point? 20
- 21 A. No.
- 22 And that's in particular given the
- 23 medical history form, correct?
- 24 Α. Yes.
- 25 So then if we look at the progress note

- was done, that's not correct, is it?
- 2 No workup was done at the hospital.
 - And when you say the nurse practitioner
- didn't see Coleman either then or later for this
- 5 complaint, in fact, Ms. Coleman had been seen at the
- 6 hospital for that complaint, yes?
- 7 Α. Yes.
- 8 And we already talked about the fact
- that later on that month, Ms. Coleman was, in fact, 9
- seen by the nurse practitioner at the jail, 10
- correct? 11
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 And when you said that the nurse
- practitioner prescribed anti-seizure medication
- 15 topiramate over the telephone, that prescription or
- 16 direction to start that medication was consistent
- 17 with what the hospital had indicated, correct?
- 18 Α. Yes.
- 19 And it was consistent based on reviewing
- all of these records with what Ms. Coleman had 20
- 21 previously been taking, correct?
- 22 A. Yes.

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- Q. If we could take a look at Mr. Maske.
- 24 So in your report, you talk about the
- 25 situation on June 14th of 2019, correct, involving

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- from January 10th, this is two days later in the
- iail, correct? 2

A. Yes.

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- 4 And so in your report you indicate that
- on January 10th Miss Coleman reported to the jail
- 6 nurse that she had had a seizure, yes?
- 7 Α. Yes.
 - Q. And, in fact, the progress note
- 9 indicates that on January 10th that she stated to
- the nurse at the evening med pass, quote, did you 10
- 11 hear what happened? I had a seizure. Couldn't feel
- 12 my legs and fell and hit my head. See? End quote.
- 13 Do you see that?
- A. Yes. 14
- 15 Given everything we've talked about,
- that is what had happened on the 8th, and your 16
- 17 understanding of what happened on the 8th, isn't
- this, in fact, a note indicating that the patient 18
- 19 was talking to the nurse about what had happened
- 20 on -- two days earlier on January 8th?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 And as a result of what happened on the
- 23 8th, she went to the hospital, yes?
- 24 Yes. Α.
- 25 So when you say in your report no workup

- 1 chest pain? A.
- 3 And what you say in your report is that
- the nurse practitioner ordered the nurse to give
- 5 Mr. Maske the blood pressure medication clonidine.
- 6 Do you see that?

Yes.

- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 What's lisinopril?
 - Lisinopril is a blood pressure
- 10 medicine.
- 11 Q. Is it the same thing as clonidine?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. Can you -- well, what's clonidine?
- 14 Α. Clonidine is a medicine that is -- in
- the past was sometimes used for blood pressure. It
- is not used for blood pressure in the modern era
- 17 because it doesn't last long enough. It's also
- 18 sedating, so it's sometimes used as a sedative.
- 19 What did you mean in your report when
- you referred to an emergency dose of clonidine? 21 Well, there is -- there is an old belief
- 22 that if your blood pressure numbers got too high
- that you should be -- that patients would benefit by
- getting an emergency dose of clonidine to bring the
- blood pressure down emergently before it caused a



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14 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

15 Go ahead.

16 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) So you were wrong in

17 your report when you said that an LPN saw him,

correct? 18

19 Α. Correct.

20 And the nurse took his vitals, looks

21 like she listened to his heart, made her notes, and

22 indicated that she would discuss with the nurse

23 practitioner, correct?

24 Α. Yes.

25 And the nurse practitioner prescribed And I'm showing you MC Medical 37765 and

14 Q. Okay. And so the officer, in

interacting with Mr. Maske about his complaint,

noted that Mr. Maske said the pain had been there a 16

17 couple of hours since supper, correct?

A. Yes. 18

19 And when asked what he subjectively

20 believed was causing the pain, he indicated

21 heartburn, yes?

22 A. Yes.

23 And when asked if he had had similar

symptoms before, he said all his life. It gets 24

worse as he gets older referring presumably to what



Jase 		Filed: 02/12/25 Page 42 of 105 D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024
1	Page 16 he had attributed to being heartburn, correct?	Page 167 1 Q. And that subjectively he reported he was
2	A. Correct.	2 having increased acid reflux, yes?
3	Q. And the other symptoms he reported or	3 A. Yes.
4	indicated he didn't have are documented on the	4 Q. And any problem with the vital signs
5	report, correct?	5 that the nurse was indicating there?
6	A. Yes.	6 A. No.
7	Q. And including the officer's observation	7 Q. So what he was reporting was that he was
8	that Mr. Maske was burping?	8 having acid reflux, yes?
9	A. Yes.	9 A. Yes.
10	Q. And the directions here were to give	10 Q. Any sign of an ongoing problem that was
11	to start a course of well, how do you say the	11 cardiac in nature at this point?
12	medication, Doctor?	12 A. No. There's no indication of cardiac at
13	A. I can't I can't read I can't read	13 this point.
14	it. You'll have to make it bigger.	14 Q. And this is a progress note from
15	Omeprazole.	15 July 19th, correct?
16	, ,	16 A. Yes.
17		17 Q. MC Medical 37653, and this is another
18	Q. Essentially Prilosec?	18 follow up by the nurse relating to his earlier
19	A. Yes.	19 complaints from the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th of
20	Q. And I'm showing you a progress note from	
21	the next day, July 5th, correct?	21 A. Yes.
22	A. Yes.	22 Q. And he's not reporting any further
23	Q. 37664 is the Bates number.	23 heartburn at this point, correct?
24	And this is the nurse talking to	24 A. Yes.
25	Mr. Maske, yes?	25 Q. Any problems with the vitals on
	Page 16	6 Page 168
1	A. Yes.	1 July 19th?
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And that happened. He was sent to the

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A. No.

Yes.

And he was seen on July 6th, correct?

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24 hospital, correct?

A. Yes.

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- 2 screen, the records from his time at the hospital.
- 3 Do you recognize those?
- 4 Α. Yes.

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those.

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one says.

- 5 Q. These are MC 20 -- Medical 23681 to 690.
 - You reviewed those in the course of your
- 7 review of Mr. Hanson's situation, yes?
- 8 Α. Yes.
- 9 And on the second page of the document,
- and again, the symptoms were abdominal pain, 10
- vomiting, or coughing blood, yes? 11
- 12 Α. Yes.
- 13 Q. And the note indicates that he should
- return to the emergency department if those symptoms 14
- 15 worsen, correct?
- 16 A. Regarding your reported hemoptysis --
- 17 you'll have to raise it up -- if you find yourself
- incarcerated for longer than two weeks, ask for the 18
- 19 jail medical staff to have you further evaluated
- 20 with the jail physician and/or pulmonology.
- 21 There is -- there's another -- there's
- 22 another form where it said to come back if you get
- 23 worse. I'm in the sure where that was.
- 24 What I'm actually referring to is just

comments, if symptoms worsen, yes?

Q. And later on it says this is in

reference to hemoptysis. Get prompt medical

attention. So when they say get prompt medical

attention, that would be seek medical attention,

coughing, fever, trouble breathing, chest pain,

And so then on March 31st, you

chest pressure, feeling weak, or fainting. Any of

Yes. Get prompt medical attention for

25 above there where it says: Follow-up instructions.

Return to emergency department, and then under

I believe, it adds more, but yes, that's what that

A. Yes. There's another page up there or,

- 2 Q. And he's seen by the nurse, yes?
- 3 Α.
- 4 Q. Not an LPN, as you indicate in your
- 5 report, yes?
- 6 Α. Yes.
- 7 And she takes his vitals, yes, which are
- 8 reported on the form?
- 9 Α. Yes.
- Q. 10 Anything unusual or abnormal in those
- vitals? 11
- 12 A. His heart rate's low.
- 13 Q. Otherwise?
 - His blood pressure is a little high. Α.
- Q. 15 Anything alarming in those vital
- 16 signs?

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- 17 Α. No.
- 18 Q. And she indicates that -- well. I'm not
- 19 sure what the first word is, but that his breathing
- 20 is unlabored?
- 21 Α. Yes.
- 22 Got complaints of chest pain midsternum
- and no radiation and pulse is regular and strong, 23
- 24 yes?
- 25 A. Yes.

And that he's nondiaphoretic?

Yes. 2 Α.

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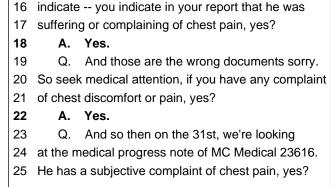
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- 3 Q. Which means what?
- 4 He's not sweating. Α.
- 5 And she assesses it is possibly acid Q.
- 6 reflux, correct?
- 7 Yes. A.
- 8 Q. And the plan is to give him Tums and
- 9 recheck later that day, yes?
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 Q. And, I mean, prescribing Tums if you
- suspect acid reflex, that's a reasonable response, 12
- 13 ves?

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- 14 A. In this, yes. Although in this case,
- 15 for a patient who had been to the ER, recently,
- comes in with complaints as referenced in the ER, 16
- 17 seek medical attention if you have these, that
- patient should have been elevated to see a
- 19 practitioner.
- 20 Q. And what is about the fact that he had
- 21 had abdominal pain, vomiting, and coughing blood
- 22 that means in particular he should go to the ER for
- 23 chest pain over any other patient?
 - MR. WEIL: Object to form.
 - THE WITNESS: I don't understand that



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1 question.

- 2 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Well, I guess what I'm
- 3 asking about is his symptom on this date is some
- 4 form of chest pain which was not his symptom that
- 5 led him to go to the hospital two weeks earlier,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Yes. Well, you're misunderstanding me.
- 8 He needs to see a practitioner. So a practitioner
- 9 could have gone to see him or he could have been
- 10 sent out, but it would have been perfectly
- 11 appropriate for a practitioner to see him --
- 12 Q. And again --
- 13 A. -- at the jail.
- 14 Q. It would be reasonable to give someone
- 15 Tums if you suspected acid reflux, yes?
- 16 A. Yeah. I'm not criticizing that he got
- 17 Tums. I'm criticizing the fact that he was not seen
- 18 by a practitioner.
- 19 Q. And the nurse followed through and did
- 20 recheck his vitals that afternoon, yes?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And the vitals were normal, yes?
- 23 A. Well, the heart rate is still a little
- 24 low, but not significantly.
- Q. Is there anything about the vitals that

- A. I don't know. There's none recorded.
- 2 Q. Well, where it says no other
- 3 complaints -- no other complaints by patient, yes?
- 4 A. I'm not seeing where you're pointing.
- 5 Q. Directly below the vital signs that
- 6 afternoon.
 - A. I can't read it.
 - Q. Does that help?
 - A. No other complaints by patient. That's
- 10 right.
- 11 So that to me indicates no other
- 12 complaints other than the ones that she had
- 13 documented above. I don't read that as meaning the
- 14 complaints he had above are gone.
- 15 Q. Do you have any indication from your
- 16 review of Mr. Hanson's six hundred and sixty-seven
- 17 pages of medical records that there was any cardiac
- 18 issue that he suffered from?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. Any evidence from your review of these
- 21 six hundred and sixty-six pages of medical records
- 22 that there was any ongoing symptoms beyond the
- 23 afternoon recheck on March 31st of 2017?
- 24 A. Not that I recall.
 - Q. And that any information that you have

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- 1 suggest a need for further follow-up care at that
- 2 point when they were rechecked?
- 3 A. The vitals don't indicate a need for
- 4 follow-up care, but the overall presentation of a
- 5 patient that had been sick enough to go to the
- 6 hospital recently was having similar symptoms that
- 7 should have been elevated to see a practitioner.
- Q. And to go back to my question, is thereanything about the vitals as they were measured that
- 10 afternoon that would have indicated the need for
- 11 further follow-up care?
- 12 A. Well, they're not normal. So any time
- 13 vital signs are not normal, they need to be checked
- 14 again. So she rechecked them, that's great, because
- 15 they weren't normal. These aren't normal. They
- 16 need to be rechecked.
- 17 Q. Tell me what's not normal about the
- 18 afternoon vital signs?
- 19 A. The heart rate is low.
- 20 Q. How low?
- 21 A. Normal goes down to sixty. So it's not
- 22 very low, but it's still abnormal. So it should
- 23 have been rechecked.
- Q. And there were no other complaints by
- 25 the patient when he was seen that afternoon, yes?

- Page 176 from your review of the chart that was any sort of
- 2 adverse outcome for Mr. Hanson?
 - A. No.
- 4 Q. I'd like to ask you about Mr. Brush.
 - In particular, the interaction on
- 6 February 22nd, 2020. I have up on the screen MC
- 7 Medical 8396.
- 8 As far as you know, is this the
- 9 interaction you were referring to in your report as
- 10 being on February 20th?
- 11 A. Would you make it larger, please.
 - Q. Yup. Sorry.
- 13 Is that better?
- 14 A. I believe so, yes.
- 15 Q. This subjective complaint in terms of a
- 16 skipping heartbeat or that he felt a skipping
- 17 heartbeat, that's part of what was noted on this
- 18 February 2nd, 2020, note, yes?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And there's no explicit mention by
- 21 Mr. Brush of chest pain, right?
- 22 A. No. Just a quick, dull cramping.
- Q. And the nurse did an objective
- 24 assessment, yes?
- 25 A. Yes.



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1 Q. And there were no signs or symptoms o	e 177 Page 179 f 1 the screen 22552, a progress note from March 19 of	
2 physical distress that she noted, yes?	2 2019.	
3 A. Yes.	3 I want to be certain, this is the	
4 Q. And she listened to his heart?	4 progress note you were referring to in your report	
5 A. Yes.	5 when you talked about an interaction on March 1st of	
6 Q. And there were no skips, clicks, or	6 that year, correct?	
7 murmurs that she could observe on listening to h	-	
8 heart, yes?	8 Q. And, again, it wasn't an LPN, it was a	
9 A. Yes.	9 nurse, correct?	
10 Q. And he was educated or told by the nur		
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11 to follow if he had any worsening symptoms,		
12 correct?	12 Dr. Schamber, correct?	
13 A. Yes.	13 A. Yes.	
14 Q. And am I correct in understanding that	14 Q. And you're not aware of any information	
15 you're not aware of any adverse outcome that	15 in Mr. Hage's medical record that indicates there	
16 resulted from Mr. Brush or rather for Mr. Brush f	rom 16 was any sort of adverse outcome from this situation,	
17 this intersection of Nurse Fennigkoh?	17 correct?	
18 A. No.	18 A. Correct.	
19 Q. And are you aware, from your review of	19 Q. You're not aware that he continued to	
20 his entire medical record, whether or not he had	any 20 complain of anything relating to this lump,	
21 cardiac condition?	21 correct?	
22 A. I'm not aware of any cardiac	22 A. Correct.	
23 condition.	23 Q. I want to ask you about Jeremy Hodgkins.	
24 Q. And is there any indication in the	24 In your report you note that Mr. Hodgkins was booked	
25 medical records that he came back to the medic		
	e 178 Page 180 /hen 1 suboxone, a medicine used to treat dependents on	
1 personnel to indicate that what he was feeling w		
2 he first made the complaint on the 22nd that he	2 opioids, correct?	
3 continued to feel those symptoms or that they g		
4 worse?	4 Q. And from your time in correctional	
5 A. No.	5 medicine, are there any limits on which jails or	
6 Q. And Mr. Knott asked you about an	6 which correctional facilities can prescribe or	
7 incident on December 21st or the situation on	7 provide suboxone or is that something that any jail	
8 December 21st. I believe you discussed this se	t of 8 can provide?	
9 narrative notes with Mr. Knott, yes?	9 A. Well, jails don't provide them.	
10 A. Yes.	10 Practitioners provide them. And no, there's no	
11 Q. As being an MC Medical 8426.	11 there's no limit to who can prescribe suboxone.	
12 And I want to be sure. I think he went	12 At this point in time, you would have	
13 over the details with you, but this page from	13 needed what's called you would have had to ask	
14 Mr. Brush's medical records, that's the portion of	-	
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15 the medical records you were referring to in you	-	
16 report when you discussed the interaction on	16 on it, and one way is to ask the outside provider	
17 December 21st, correct?	17 who had been prescribing it to continue it and bring	
18 A. I believe so.	18 it to the jail and give it.	

The second way is for the practitioner,
which has since been removed, but in 2019 needed to

21 have special training, and to give it in that -- to

22 get that so you could prescribe it.

23 So the short answer is there were ways

to continue suboxone in the jail, and it should havebeen continued in the jail. It was inappropriate to



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Q. Nicholas Hage, quickly.

deposition for the record.

MR. KNOTT: Hey, guys, I got to jump in

here and say I've got to take off for the airport,

MR. JONES: Okay. Thanks, Doug.

Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Doctor, I've got up on

so Daniel's going to cover for the end of the

Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 181 Page 183 stop it. 1 Yes. 1 Α. 2 Q. And you indicate in your report that in 2 And is this the -- I'm showing you a your opinion there was no treatment or care provided 3 dental progress note. for opioid withdrawal or addiction, right? 4 Is this the record you were referring 5 That is correct. 5 to? 6 So I'm showing you the progress note 6 A. It doesn't look familiar, and that is 7 from -- now I am. 7 not -- no. I don't believe so. That took place on 8 Do you see my screen? 8 8-21-18 not 6-12-21. 9 Yes. Q. I have the wrong one. Sorry. I've got Α. 9 10 Q. The progress note from May 14th, 10 the wrong number. Sorry. All right. 11 correct? I'm going to set him aside for the 11 12 Could you increase it, please. moment. Mr. Crispin, Chase Crispin. There's two Α. 12 13 Q. Yup. Are you able to read it? 13 separate situations you're talking about with 14 Yes. respect to Mr. Crispin, right? One on February 9th 14 15 So there is an order signed off by --15 and one on September 15, 2019? 16 well, I'm going to represent to you it was signed 16 Α. Yup. 17 17 off by Lisa Pisney starting certain medications. Q. So taking the earlier one before, Do you see that, the handwriting 18 September 15 of 2017. Okay. Do you see my screen 18 19 portion? 19 ends Monroe County 35869? 20 A. Yes. Starting Hydroxyzine and 20 Yes. Α. dicyclomine. Neither of those are treatments for 21 21 And this is the evaluation for dental 22 opiate withdrawal or oipioid dependency. pain on September 15 of 2017, correct? 22 23 23 If you look at -- if you look at Α. Yes. 24 guidelines written by the American Addiction Society 24 Q. And this is a complaint about three or the guidelines published by the Department of 25 teeth on the lower right-hand side of his jaw Page 182 Page 184 Justice, neither Hydroxyzine or dicyclomine are on 1 correct? there for treatments of opioid withdrawal or 2 2 Numbers 3031 and 32, yes? 3 addiction? 3 Yes. A. 4 Q. And what's your understanding from your 4 And the -- the direction is to prescribe review of the medical records as to why those were 5 an antibiotic along with an oral rinse, right? being prescribed at this point? 6 6 Α. Yes. 7 Well, I assume that they are being And then he had -- he was seen again on 7 prescribed as a substitution for suboxone, but if October 4th of 2017, and that's this progress note 8 9 that's the case, they are not treatments. They're 9 at Monroe County 36867, right? 10 not treatments for opioid withdrawal. 10 Α. Yes. 11 Would they counteract any symptoms from 11 Q. And he's being seen here again for tooth 12 oipioid withdrawal? 12 pain? 13 A. They might. But there -- but once 13 Α. Yes. 14 again, if you look at the guidelines of opioid 14 Q. He's seen -- being seen for different 15 withdrawal, those are not listed. Hydroxyzine is 15 teeth on this day, correct? 16 not listed. 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. I want to ask you about the patient you 17 Q. Two teeth on the lower left-hand side of identify as Allen Dalton in your report on page 13. his jaw, seventeen and eighteen, correct? 18 18 Am I -- this is not important, but just so we're 19 19 Α. Yes. 20 talking about the right person, his name was 20 Q. So the visit or the evaluation on the 21 actually Dalton Allen, correct? 21 5th of September was teeth on the lower right-hand 22 22 side, and the evaluation on October 4th was teeth on Okay. Yes. 23 And what you're talking about in your 23 the lower left-hand side, correct?

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Yes.

Different teeth on those two occasions.

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report is an interaction on June 12th of '21, about

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tooth pain, correct?

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yes?

2 Yes. But it doesn't change the fact

that one, it's inappropriate to prescribe

4 antibiotics without personally examining the

patient. The practitioner should have seen the

patient. And it's inappropriate to prescribe

antibiotics for a dental abscess or a dental

complication without sending the patient to see a

dentist. 9

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10 Q. Is there any indication in your review

of the records, now that we see that these visits 11

were for different teeth, that the antibiotics

prescribed as a result of the September 5th of 2017,

interaction doesn't resolve any infection that

15 existed at that time?

16 A. I'm not sure what the question is. The

17 fact that he had two -- that he had two dental

infections within a month, one required that -- and 18

19 especially when the second one is causing less --

20 Q. Doctor, if you're not sure what the

21 question is, let me ask you a question so you

22 understand what I'm asking.

23 Is there any indication in the medical

24 record that the antibiotic prescribed as of

25 September 5th didn't resolve any infection that A. No. There's no other -- the patient did

not see a practitioner. I have seen no other charts

from the nurse and was not sent to a dentist, so I

have no documentation either way.

5 Is there any indication in the chart

6 that Mr. Crispin continued to complain of lower

left-hand side jaw pain after being prescribed the

antibiotic on October 4th?

9 Α. No.

10 Q. Do you know whether or not Mr. Crispin

had a history of ear infections? 11

12 Α. No.

13 If the chart indicates that he did,

would you have any reason -- well, strike that. 14

15 From your review of the chart, you don't

16 know whether or not he had a history of ear

17 infections; is that correct?

18 I don't remember if he had a history of 19 ear infections.

20 Well, you didn't note it in your report,

21 did you?

22 I didn't note it in my report.

23 And as you sit here now, having prepared

24 for the deposition and done all the work that you've

25 done in the case, do you have any knowledge as to

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existed for those teeth on the lower right side of

his iaw at that time? 2

3 A. The nurse makes no mention of the teeth

4 on the right side in this -- in this note.

5 Do you have any other evidence from the

6 file based on your review of this chart that any

infection that existed on the lower right-hand side

of his jaw as of September 5th of 2017, wasn't

9 resolved by the antibiotics that were prescribed?

10 A. No.

11 Q. And do you have any indication, based on

your review of his chart, that any infection that

13 existed on the lower left-hand side of his jar as of

14 October 4th of 2017, didn't resolve as a result of

the antibiotics prescribed at that time? 15

16 No. There should have been a follow-up

17 note if they weren't -- if the patient was not going

to be referred to a dentist and was not going to be

seen by a practitioner, would you think there would 19

20 at least be a follow-up by somebody to see if the

21 swollen jaw, the swollen left-sided facial swelling

22 had resolved, but there is no note.

23 Is there any indication in the chart

that any infection that existed as of October 4th

25 wasn't resolved by the antibiotic?

Page 188 whether or not he had a history of ear infections?

No. I don't remember if he did or 2 Α.

3 not.

Q. If we look at the chart from 4

February 9th, which is one of the dates you refer to

in your report, this is a situation where

Mr. Crispin was seen by an LPN who then called the 7

8 provider, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 And the provider identified the plan

11 that would be followed, correct, not the LPN?

12 Yes. That's what I said. She called

13 the practitioner who prescribed an antibiotic. 14

But in this case, it would not be 15 correct to say that the LPN identified the plan of

16 treatment, correct?

17 No. But the LPN wrote a diagnosis right

otitis media. 18

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Q. She wrote assessment, correct?

20 That's a diagnosis.

Okay. And she discussed that with the

provider, and the provider directed or ordered a 22

23 plan of treatment, correct?

24 Α. Correct.

If one antibiotic fails to resolve a



- 1 possible infection, how common or uncommon is it for
- 2 the practitioner to order a new or different
- 3 antibiotic?
- 4 A. Without ever seeing the patient in the
- 5 free world -- I mean, the outside of the jail, that
- doesn't happen. So it is not uncommon to order two
- 7 courses of antibiotics.
- 8 What is uncommon is not to have seen the
- 9 patient that you're ordering them for either time.
- 10 Q. And Mr. Crispin was seen again on
- 11 February 19th and prescribed a new antibiotic.
- 12 Did you have any information as to
- 13 whether or not that new antibiotic resolved the
- 14 infection?
- 15 A. No, I have no follow-up documentation of 16 any kind.
- 17 Q. You're not able -- you're not opining
- 18 that Mr. Crispin had an adverse outcome, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And with respect to Ms. Oliver, Erin
- 21 Oliver, am I correct in understanding that you don't
- 22 know when the first time was that medical staff at
- 23 the jail contacted the dentist relating to
- 24 Ms. Oliver, correct?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 Q. And you don't know how long it took
- 2 medical staff at the jail to obtain an appointment
- 3 for Ms. Oliver to be seen, correct?
- 4 A. No. And I don't know how hard they
- 5 tried either.
- 6 Q. You just don't --
- 7 A. No. When I work with dentists and I say
- 8 it's an urgent situation and I need them to be seen
- 9 now, they get seen now.
- 10 Q. And you don't have any knowledge about
- 11 the availability of dentists in the Sparta area at
- 12 the point in time that Oliver was in the jail, do
- 13 you?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) I'm sorry, I didn't
- 17 hear your answer.
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. With respect to Mr. Schmieder, if I
- 20 understand correctly, you, as part of your review,
- 21 looked at the report or investigation materials that
- 22 were prepared by the Monroe County Sheriff's
- 23 Department after Mr. Schmieder died, correct?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you also review the report prepared

- 1 by the Lacrosse County Sheriff's Department
- 2 regarding Mr. Schmieder's death?
- 3 A. That is not something I recall seeing.

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- 4 Q. Well, it was among the materials that
- 5 you received or indicate that you reviewed as part
- 6 of preparing your report.
- A. Well, that probably -- I probably did.
- 8 I'd have to pull it up.
- 9 Do you want me to --
- 10 Q. Okay. So if Monroe County referred
- 11 Mr. Schmieder's death to the Lacrosse County
- 12 Sheriff's Department to conduct a follow-on
- 13 investigation, it's not accurate to say that the
- 14 county didn't do any further investigation, is it?
- 15 A. Well, I would -- I believe that I meant
- 16 by that any further investigation than that that
- 17 was -- that I had reviewed. But I reviewed
- 18 everything in the file that was sent to me, and I
- 19 guess I lumped them both together. No review was
- 20 done after that.
- Q. Well, you refer specifically in your
- 22 report to a county investigator having conducted
- 23 interviews. But you don't refer to an outside
- 24 investigator, that is, the Lacrosse County Sheriff's
- 25 Department.
- 1 So let me ask again to be clear, when
 - 2 you said in your report that it doesn't appear that
 - 3 the county did any further investigation, were you
 - 4 referring to the county not going on its own
 - 5 investigation, or are you actually saying that the
 - 6 county didn't do an investigation other than the two
 - 7 that were conducted?
 - 8 A. Other than the two that were
 - 9 conducted.
 - 10 Q. And so in reviewing the records of the
 - 11 Lacrosse County investigation, did you make any note
 - 12 of what the health care provider or nurse who was
 - 13 interviewed said about what had happened that
 - 14 evening?
 - 15 A. I don't recall reading that, no.
 - 16 Q. And it's not in your report, is it?
 - 17 A. No
 - 18 Q. And so as you sit here now, having
 - 19 prepared for your deposition, are you in a position
 - 20 to say what it is that the nurse said happened that
 - 21 evening?

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- 22 A. I don't recall reading what the nurse
- 23 said happened that evening.
 - Q. And if the nurse had indicated that --
- 25 I'm sorry. Hold on.



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By the way, what's a Combivent

- 2 inhaler?
- 3 A Combivent inhaler is a combination of Α.
- a low-dose steroid and a long-acting
- 5 bronchodilater.
- 6 Q. So if that Mr. Schmieder had been using
- in the jail a Combivent inhaler, would that indicate
- that he was not refused the steroid inhaler?
- That's different than a mometisone
- 10 inhaler. A mometisone inhaler is high dose. So
- 11 it's different.
- 12 Q. It's different, but it is still, in
- 13 part, a steroid inhaler?
- 14 It is a low-dose steroid inhaler, yes.
- 15 And that would have to be prescribed by
- 16 a provider?
- 17 Α. Yes.
- 18 So if Mr. Schmieder had been using a
- 19 Combivent inhaler in the jail, that would be him
- 20 using a low-dose steroid inhaler prescribed by a
- 21 provider, yes?
- 22 Right. That isn't the issue. I had no
- problem with him continuing the Combivent inhaler. 23
- 24 That was a good call. I don't -- I don't understand
- why the mometisone inhaler was discontinued, and I

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- 1 answer, and that's the only intervention, then that
- 2 isn't enough, no.
- 3 Q. Okay. But let's --
- An appropriate intervention would be
- 5 actually go and see the patient, listen to their
- 6 lungs, get a set of vital signs.
 - Q. You don't have any reason to dispute
- that Mr. Schmieder refused that inhaler the night
- before he passed away, correct?
- 10 A. I don't have any reason to dispute that.
- It sounds like a med pass encounter. The nurse came 11
- 12 by with med pass, and he said: I don't want my
- 13 meds. That's not the same as doing an evaluation of
- 14 a patient that you have heard is having a lot of
- 15 problems.
- 16 When you said -- and you said it a
- 17 couple times now -- that, quote, unquote, the nurse
- 18 heard he was having a problem, am I right in
- 19 understanding that's based entirely on the
- 20 investigator's conversations with other inmates in
- 21 the cell block or housing unit?
- 22 Yes. Α.
 - Q. And so you're only going off of what
- 24 those inmates were reported to have said to the
- 25 investigator, correct?

A. Yes.

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- 2 Outside of that, do you have any
- 3 information from the records you reviewed relating
- to Mr. Schmieder that, one, he had trouble breathing
- 5 that evening; or, two, that medical staff were
- 6 informed of that?
- 7 A. That is the source of my statement that
- medical staff were informed. I have no other
- q sources other than that.
- And if a patient that has been 10
- 11 prescribed this inhaler declines to take it or use
- the inhaler, and indicates that he's fine without it 12
- 13 that evening, is it your testimony that the medical
- practitioner should still insist on some sort of 14
- 15 follow up with the patient?
- 16 We're talking about the patient had been
- 17 there a month, Mr. Schmieder had been there a month,
- 18 I believe, before he died.
- We're talking about Mr. Schmieder. 19
- 20 Yeah. I think he had been there a
- 21 month, and the practitioner had never seen him.
- 22 Q. Let me focus in on the specific
- 23 question.
- 24 If Mr. Schmieder indicated to medical
- personnel that he was refusing his inhaler that

don't understand why if you're going to discontinue the mometisone inhaler, why you didn't -- why no

- 3 practitioner came in and talked to him or did an
- evaluation. That's -- that's what I don't
- 5 understand, and I don't agree with.
- 6 So a practitioner at a jail can do
- anything he or she wants with the medications.
- They're the practitioners of the patient. That's
- their patient. But usually you make changes in a
- medication regimen after you've examined the 10
- patient. 11
- 12 Q. If the nurse indicated that on the
- 13 evening before he died Mr. Schmieder had refused his
- Combivent inhaler, you don't have any reason to
- dispute that's, in fact, what occurred, do you? 15
- 16 A. No.
- 17 O. So someone going to see if he would take
- his Combivent inhaler and him refusing, would you
- characterize that as nursing staff being aware of a 19
- 20 problem and doing nothing to intervene?
- 21 A. Well, you make a good point that if a --
- I don't believe that going and saying do you want 22
- your -- if you get a report that someone is in a
- serious medical problem, and you go and say do you
- want your medication and they say no or don't

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- evening, and that he was fine that evening without
- it, is it your testimony that medical staff should
- have insisted on follow-up -- further follow-up at
- that point?
- 5 So you've described a scenario that
- 6 hasn't -- that wasn't described in the documents I
- reviewed. I read no statements by the nurse that
- said Mr. Schmieder said: I'm fine. And, in fact, a
- lot of times when patients quote, unquote, refuse
- their medications, it's because they're asleep and
- they didn't hear the call, or they're on the phone, 11
- 12 or they're on the -- they're in the bathroom, or
- 13 they're just cranky, or whatever.
- 14 So I don't know any circumstances. I
- don't know if the nurse actually talked to him or if
- 16 they have announced med pass and he didn't get up to
- go or any of that. So I don't know the 17
- 18 circumstances.
- 19 I certainly don't know that he said I
- 20 feel great and I don't think I need my meds
- tonight. 21

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- 22 So if the nurse stated to an
- 23 investigator that Mr. Schmieder refused the
- 24 Combivent inhaler saying he had his Albuterol with
- him and was fine, is it your testimony that the

- plaintiff's counsel, correct?
- 2 Well, not entirely, but some.
 - Well, which of the eleven or twelve
- patients that we discussed today that you discussed
- 5 with Mr. Knott were not chosen for you to review by
- Mr. Weil or his firm?
 - A. The patients were all chosen. Some of
- the incidents that I came up with were not flagged
- or anything like that.
- 10 Q. So Mr. Weil chose the patients that you
- 11 would review, or his firm did, correct?
- 12 They chose -- they flagged the files
- 13 that I -- that I should review the charts. The
- 14 files that were in the Fourth Amended Complaint were
- 15 ones that I reviewed, and then I had the spreadsheet
- 16 that they sent me, so I picked them out of that.
- 17 Q. Mr. Weil gave you a group of patient
- charts to review that he or his firm had selected, 18
- 19 correct?

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- 20 Α.
- And then of those, you decided to 21 Q.
- 22 discuss a certain subset in your report, correct?
 - Α. Yes.
- 24 Q. And the ones you didn't discuss are ones
- 25 either that you felt the care was appropriate or you

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- Page 198 nurse should have insisted on further follow-up?
- 2 No. Α.
- 3 Q. And you have no reason to dispute that
- was, in fact, what occurred, am I correct? 4
- 5 Correct.
- 6 And in your report, when you say that he
- 7 was not sent to the hospital despite other inmates
- reporting that his medical condition was, quote,
- unquote, deteriorating, again, that's based on the 9
- investigator's notes of what those other inmates 10
- 11 said to him, correct?
- 12 Correct. Α.
- 13 There's no other source for that
- 14 statement in your report, correct?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 The patients you reviewed from the
- 17 Monroe County Jail, those patients for the health
- 18 care spans the six-year period, correct? 2016 to
- 19 2021, yes?
- 20 Α. Yes.
- 21 And those, again, those were all
- 22 patients --

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- 23 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 24 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Those were patients'
- 25 charts that were selected for you to review by

- couldn't assess one way or the other because of
- technical issues, yes? 2
- 3 Α. Yes.
- 4 And you don't know the criteria used to
- select the patient charts that were given to you, do
- you? 6
- A. No. I do. They -- they came from the 7
- spreadsheet and evaluation -- of which ones
- 9 potentially had problematic care.
- 10 Q. You don't know how those patients were
- 11 chosen among the patient population, correct?
- 12 A. I'm not sure what you're asking. I
- think I understand how they were chosen. The
- 14 patient charts were reviewed. A bunch of patients
- were eliminated because the care was appropriate. A
- 16 subset of those who were left were given to me to
- 17 review.
- 18 But you don't know who or how those
- patients -- who identified those patients as being 19
- 20 potentially inappropriate in terms of the care or
- 21 who did that selection, do you?
- 22 A. I don't know the person who did that.
- 23 Or how they decided that those were the
- 24 patients with inappropriate care that you should
- review, correct?



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Page 201 Α. Well, I assume that they -- actually, I 2 know -- I think that the person did look through the charts and the ones that that person thought 3 4 potentially inappropriate care were referred to 5 me 6 Q. And you do not know the number of bookings in the Monroe County Jail during those six

9 A. No.

years, do you?

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10 Q. You do agree, though, that no matter the number of bookings, the number of charts you 11 12 reviewed is not a statistically significant 13 percentage of those bookings, correct?

14 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

15 Go ahead.

16 THE WITNESS: I was not -- I'm sorry.

17 I was not trying to do a significantly

significant sampling. That wasn't what I was 18 19 attempting to do.

Q. (BY MR. JONES:) And you believe you saw 20 21 a certain pattern in the eleven or twelve patient

22 charts that you reviewed from the Monroe County

23 Jail, yes?

24 A. Yes.

25 In terms of the care that was being

Page 203 What I am saying is that Monroe County

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2 has an unusual system that is used by ACH which is

incongruent with the standard of care which is how

4 medical is standardly done outside of jails.

5 So in other words, I'm in a medical 6 clinic or an urgent care center, I don't send a security guard in to take a patient's history and vital signs and then call me on the phone while I'm 9 at home and tell me what's going on with this

patient that showed up at the urgent care center.

11 That never happens on the outside.

So that is an unusual thing. It's an unusual thing that practitioners are doing their entire evaluation, not that they're giving voice orders, but that they're doing their whole evaluation, prescribing, and then never following up, never seeing the patient. That is unusual, and that's different than is done on the outside, and it's different, frankly, than is done in most of the other jails that I'm familiar with, including my own.

22 Q. I guess what I'm trying to understand, 23 Doctor, is whether, based on reviewing, I should 24 have counted -- I'm not sure as I'm sitting here 25 whether it's eleven or twelve, say twelve -- what

provided, yes?

2 A. I was looking at the way that medical 3 was set up, and the way that medical is set up in Monroe County Jail was something that is different than most of the jails that I have ever seen, and

I've seen a lot of them, where correctional officers

were being asked to function essentially as nurses, 7 where practitioners were doing assessments and

9 prescriptions by telephone without ever seeing the

10 patient. And that's -- that's the pattern that I

11 saw.

12 Q. So you saw a pattern among those patient

13 charts, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 But you would agree with me that it's

16 not scientifically valid to draw conclusions about

17 the care being provided to the entire patient

population for those six years based on your review 18

of those eleven or twelve charts, wouldn't vou? 19

20 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

21 THE WITNESS: I am not saying that all the medical care in the Monroe County Jail was 22

inappropriate and wrong. I'm not saying that. And

I'm not saying that the practitioners were

incompetent or uncaring.

Page 204 1 I'm trying to understand is from reviewing twelve

charts, whether you feel you have a medically sound

or scientific basis to draw conclusions about all of

the other charts that you didn't review from those 4

5 six years.

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6 MR. WEIL: Object to norm.

from the charts that I did review is that the system 9 that's set up by ACH in Monroe County is certainly 10 different than is done on the outside. No medical care in any medical clinic on the outside is done that way in the ways that I've described. It's not 13 done that way in most jails that I'm familiar with.

THE WITNESS: I think what I did learn

14 And I believe that if I reviewed every single chart, hundreds of charts, I would find the 15 16 same system.

17 I also think I went in with the prejudice that -- that a -- just as one example, that a practitioner who doesn't see the patient that 19 20 just practices on the phone, that gets a call, makes 21 a diagnosis, makes a prescription, and then never follows up, never sees the patient, would be not as 23 good, would be more likely to make mistakes than a

practitioner who practiced in the way that is

commonly done on the outside.



I myself would not be as good if I just

2 handled everything by phone and never actually

talked to a patient, to the patients I was 3

4 prescribing to.

5 So I identified that as being outside of the medical norm, outside of medical standard for 6 medical practice. I believe that there's a pattern of not -- not accelerating appropriately. And so, I

didn't intend to do a statistical analysis. I had 9

10 with those eleven charts. I think I know how

medical is run at the jail. And I identified how 11

that was different than how it was run in --12

13 normally run in medical settings.

15 you, whether there were mistakes made in the care of

16 any of the patients for whom you didn't review their

Q. You're not in a position to say, are

17 charts, are you?

18 A. No.

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19 You're not in a position to say whether

20 or not there were bad outcomes for patients other

21 than those whose charts you reviewed, are you?

22 A. No.

23 Just a couple of other things I want to Q.

24 follow up with you on, Doctor. I know we're getting

25 late in the day. service delivery including the review and analysis

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2 of monthly data?

3 A. Well, sure. Are you -- you analyze

monthly data, but let's -- let's -- we're using

5 terms. Let's say continuous -- CQI stands for

continuous quality improvement.

7 So analyzing data does not -- does

not -- is no -- is not continuous quality

improvement. To get continuous quality improvement,

10 you have to identify areas that need to be improved,

11 so you can't improve an area that you haven't

identified. 12

13 So you have to identify areas that need

14 to be improved, and you can use statistics to do

that. Then you have to make a plan to improve the

place that you think needs to be improved, so you

17 have to first find areas of deficiency or things

18 that you could do better, and then you have to make

a plan to improve it, and then you need to implement

20 the plan, and then you need to at some point in the future evaluate the plan and see how it was doing. 21

22 That's CQI, those four steps. Having --

just looking at statistics, is none of those unless

24 it's part of identifying a problem we have. I've

looked at these statistics and we have --

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1 When you talk about the CQI program at

the jail in your report, you talk about, quote, 2

3 unquote, true CQI systems, and where we would go to

know or understand what a true CQI system is?

5 What's your source?

6 The best -- well, maybe the best source,

but there are others, but the National Commission on

Correctional Health Care Standards for Jails. The

American Correctional Association Standards for

Jails, both of those, either of them. 10

11 Q. And CQI, a good CQI system does look at

data, correct? 12

13 Α. Yes.

I mean, it's a -- CQI does include the 14 Q.

15 review and analysis of data, yes?

16 Broadly, yes.

On a monthly or quarterly basis, yes?

18 Well, as I said, CQI isn't just

statistics, so reviewing statistics, this is how 19

20 many patients were seen in clinic, this is how many

patients put in medical requests, that is not CQI. 21

22 Not to say it's not important, it is, but it's not

23 CQI.

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24 Q. Does a component of true CQI incorporate

activities to monitor quality of the health care

What's the shorthand --

2 A. I've looked at these statistics and we

have this problem, so that's the first step of CQI 3

is identifying the problem and then developing a

plan to fix it. Just looking at statistics without

using it to develop -- to improve, is not part of

7 CQI.

Q. What's the shorthand, the four elements

9 or steps of CQI that you just referred to, or what

10 are those four steps?

11 A. You mean identify a problem, make a plan

to improve, implement the plan, and then evaluate

13 how the plan works?

14 Q. Yes. That's what I was asking.

15 A. And then a fifth step would be change

your operating procedure to implement the 16

17 improvement that you've just made continuously, so

18 there's the continuous quality improvement, and then

19 do another one, start another one.

20 Mr. Knott asked you which of the

21 patients you reviewed for Monroe County were

22 sentinel events, and I believe you identified Xiong

23 and Oliver; is that correct?

24 Α. Xiong.

And Schmieder?



A. Xiong and Mrs. Boyer. That would have 2

3 Q. Okay. Setting aside Mrs. Boyer, of the

4 patient charts from Monroe County that you reviewed,

were there any others that constituted sentinel 5

events, as you used the term in your report, other

than Mr. Schmieder, Mr. Xiong, and Ms. Oliver?

A. Of the charts that I reviewed, no

others. But I know, just based on the size of the

10 jail, that there were others. So anybody that went

11 to the hospital unexpectedly, and I'm sure that

there are patients who were -- and I know that there

have been patients that were sent to the hospital --

many patients that were sent to the hospital

15 appropriately. If any of those were unexpected,

16 that's a sentinel event.

been another one.

17 So there are other sentinel events, so

of all the patients that were sent to the hospital, 18

19 if those were unexpected and there was something

that could have been done to prevent that, that's a 20

21 sentinel event. So there are other sentinel

events. 22

23 Q. I think my question to you, Doctor, was:

24 Of the patients you reviewed, other than Ms. Boyer,

which of them were sentinel events as you use the 25

1 reviewed, the charts you reviewed that were not

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sentinel events, how would a proper or true CQI

3 system, to use your terminology, have identified

those patients as needing some sort of review or

5 evaluation?

6 A. That's something for the jail to

7 determine. So the jail and the jail medical staff,

8 they are the ones that make that determination.

9 So the first thing is identifying that

10 we have a problem in this regard. And no jail

11 program is perfect. None. So all jail programs can

be improved. So the Monroe County Jail is the one 12

to identify what is our problem -- what is the

problem that we have, or potential problem? How can

15 we improve it?

16 So the jail would be in a much better 17 situation than I am to identify their own

18 problems.

19 Well, so if the CQI program properly set

20 up and administered would have flagged Mr. Xiong's

case and Ms. Oliver's case or after-the-fact review,

22 that's what you're saying, right?

A. Well, sentinel events is part of CQI,

24 but that isn't what -- I didn't think what we were

talking about. I thought we were talking about 25

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term? Are there any others besides Mr. Schmieder,

Mr. Xiong, and Ms. Oliver?

3 A. Ms. Coleman falling off a bunk and

hitting her head could be a sentinel event. That's

on the borderline. Of the others, no, I don't

believe so. 6

7 And so Mr. Xiong, what made him or his

8 situation a sentinel event?

9 The fact that he went unexpectedly to

10 the hospital with cardiac disease. I'm going to

11 assume that I'm right and that he did have a heart

12 attack, but let's say even if he didn't, patient

13 that was sent unexpectedly to the hospital because

14 of fear of a heart attack, that would be -- that

15 could be a sentinel event.

16 And Ms. Oliver, what made her situation Q.

17 a sentinel event?

18 The fact that she had a whole bunch of

teeth extracted. And it might be that nothing could 19

20 have been done at the jail to have improved that,

21 but the fact that she had -- she was sent out, and

22 had unexpected surgery, I don't think that the jail

23 expected her to have four teeth pulled; but the fact

24 that that was done, that's a sentinel event.

And so from the patients that you

Page 212 outcome studies where you identify that you have a

problem, you evaluate the problem, you make a plan

3 to improve the problem, and then you follow up with

the plan. 4

5 So something that I would identify is

the whole thing of practitioners practicing -- let's 6

7 say prescribing medications over the phone and never

following up. So is that a problem? I think it is.

9 So a CQI would look into that. How often does that

happen? Then you would sit around a table and say: 10

11 Is it a problem? Can we improve it? What are we

going to do to improve it, make a plan.

After you've done it for three months,

say you evaluate the plan, and say: Are we better

or are we not? Should we go back to the way it was 15

16 before? So that would be one. There are others. I

17 mean, I didn't really look at diabetics.

18 Q. So, Doctor, my question, as I had

19 phrased it, was simply if Schmieder, Xiong, and

20 Oliver were sentinel events, then my understanding

21 of your opinion is that those would have been called

22 out for after-the-fact review by a proper CQI

23 program.

24 So far so good.

Evaluation of deaths and sentinel events



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is a proper event of CQI. So what I want to ask you about is: The 2

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other patients that you reviewed who were not 3 4 sentinel events did not occur, are you saying that

those other cases would have been called out or had

fallen out for further after-the-fact review by a

7 proper CQI program?

A. Sure. Yes. So --

Let me ask you that. Let me ask you how

10 is it that those cases would have fallen out for

after-the-fact review by virtue of a true CQI 11

12 program?

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13 A. Okay. Well, I think we're talking about

14 sentinel events. So, one, we have --

15 Q. No. no. no. We are not talking about

16 sentinel events. I'm asking about the patients who

17 were not sentinel events.

18 How would they have fallen out for

19 further after-the-fact review by virtue of a CQI

program? 20

21 A. Because the jail would have looked into 22

it beforehand and identified problems. So one

problem that you yourself identified, we have a 23

24 problem getting patients in to a dentist. That's

25 our problem. So I've identified a problem. Why are

Page 215 Q. Would a CQI program have flagged those 1

other cases, the non-sentinel events for

3 follow-up?

4 Maybe. It depends on what CQI you had

done beforehand. I mean, it depends on what you're 5

studying, so if you were studying -- we talked about

7 people who are complaining of chest pain and are

being given Tums, that would be -- that would be an 8

appropriate topic for CQI. What is our Tums policy?

10 What's our policy for people who complain of chest

11 pain and gastric reflux? How do we handle those?

12 Are we handling it appropriate?

13 It might be that your CQI program says 14 yes, everything is hunky dory and appropriate with

15 how we distribute Tums. Most of the time you can

16 say we can make this better, and you do.

17 Q. So it's possible if the CQI program was looking at a particular problem or scenario, that 18

19 one or more of those patients that fell under that

20 scenario would fall out through the CQI program.

So far so good?

Right. You can pick anybody you want.

23 You can pick any problem you want.

24 But it's not necessarily true that those

patients would have fallen out just by virtue of

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we --

You're talking about Ms. Oliver now, 2 Q.

3 correct?

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4 A. Ms. Oliver's not the only one.

5 But you asked me to identify something

that you could use -- that you could use as a

7 trigger for CQI out of these patients that I've

8 identified. That's one.

9 We have a problem getting patients in to

dentists. That's our problem. So one, how often --10

11 how often -- what is the scope of the problem? How

many patients do we refer to dentists? What's the

13 average length of time from the time of the referral

14 until they get in to a dentist? What's the reason

why we -- dentists give for not wanting to work with 15

16 us, or whatever?

17 You define the problem. How do we fix

18 the problem? Do we hire a dentist to come to the

jail? That's what a lot of jails do. They hire a

20 dentist come to the jail once in a week. Do we sign

21 a contract with an outside dentist that gives us,

22 say, five dental slots a week? How do we fix the

23 problem? You try to fix it so that if you're asking

about one thing that can -- that this could pop up, there's one.

Page 214 there being a, quote, unquote, true CQI program in

2 the iail, correct?

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3 A. No. You could have a true CQI program,

and you chose to study other stuff that had nothing

to do with any of these patients. You looked at

diabetes. You looked at foot care. You looked at 6

people who injured their ankles playing basketball.

And you just never looked at anything related to the

9 patients here.

10 But that's something that the jail and 11 the medical staff choose. If you choose not to look

at something, then it doesn't get looked at. But

you could choose to look at something relating to

14 these patients.

15 Q. Let me shift gears quickly to ask you 16 about the portion of your report relating to

17 staffing on pages 6 through 7.

18 You talk there about individuals with nontrivial complaints needing to be evaluated and 20 examined by a practitioner, correct?

Α. Yes.

22 And so can you define for me any more

specifically the line between trivial and 23

24 nontrivial?

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25 No. That's a common sense -- I guess



common sensical thing. So you can pick examples

2 that are definitely trivial. I have a hangnail. I

have a minor rash on my foot. 3

4 You can pick examples that are clearly

5 nontrivial. I'm throwing up blood.

6 And then there's a bunch of things that 7 are kind of in the middle.

- Q. And for the stuff that's in the middle,
- does that involve some degree of medical
- 10 professional judgment as to whether it's trivial or
- 11 not trivial?

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- 12 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Sure. But in a jail, 14 almost everybody should be seen by a practitioner.
- Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Well, you use the 15
- 16 dividing line in your report between trivial and
- 17 nontrivial, which is why I'm asking you if you could
- define it? 18
- 19 No. I'm not saying that nontrivial
- 20 things should never been seen by a practitioner.
- 21 And to a shorter answer, no, I can't actually define
- 22 what trivial and nontrivial is. You are right that
- 23 it requires judgment and protocols --
- 24 And so when you -- when you talk on
- 25 page --

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- 1 MR. WEIL: Can you let Dr. Keller finish
- his answer? 2
- 3 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Oh, I'm sorry, Doctor.
- 4 Were you finished? I didn't meant to cut you off.
- 5 A. I want to say that patients make that
- determination when you put in medical requests. 6
- 7 They're saying when a patient comes to an urgent
- care clinic and walks in the door and says I'm here,
- 9 they themselves have elevated their complaint to
- 10 nontrivial.
- 11 And that's the same thing in a jail when
- a patient puts in a request for medical care, those 12
- 13 pretty much all should be seen by a practitioner.
- The patient has requested medical care and the only 14
- way that it's not going to be seen by a practitioner 15
- 16 is that if there's a well-developed process for
- 17 specific items that are -- that can be -- that can
- 18 be solved in some other way.
- 19 Well, I'm sorry, I'm interrupting you
- 20 again.
- 21 Well, for example, dandruff. I have
- 22 dandruff, and all I want is a dandruff shampoo. So
- 23 if there is a mechanism for that patient to get an
- over-the-counter dandruff shampoo without a
- practitioner, that's fine. And there are lots of

1 such things.

2 But most people that -- most patients

who put in a request, I want to be seen for

- whatever, back pain, heartburn, knee pain,
- headaches, I have a history of seizures, all of
- those should be seen by a practitioner just as they 6
- 7 would in a community.
- 8 Well, in your report you talk about at
- the bottom of page 6 that when a patient complains 9
- 10 of a nontrivial complaint such as chest pain in a
- 11 correctional facility, they should be evaluated in
- 12 the same way, meaning by a practitioner.
- 13 And you go on to say all such patients, in other words, those who complain of a nontrivial 14 complaint, should be evaluated and examined by a 16 medical practitioner. That's your opinion, yes?
 - Α. Yes.

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- 18 Ω Am I fair in understanding that in
- 19 making that point you were saying that patients in a
- jail with nontrivial complaints should be evaluated 20 21
 - and examined by a practitioner?
- What I -- yeah. What I am saying is 23
 - that patients who request to see -- request medical
- 24 care in a jail should be seen by a practitioner just
 - like they would in a community.

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- Could we -- could we continue this in a 2 second? Could we take a short break?
 - MR. JONES: That's fine with me. I
- 4 don't have but a couple minutes more, but I'm happy
- 5 to take a break.
- 6 Why don't we take two or three minutes,
- take five minutes, and then I'll wrap up.
- 8 (A brief recess was had.)
 - (BY MR. JONES:) Doctor, is it your
- opinion that any inmate or patient in a county jail 10
- 11 who makes a medical complaint needs to be evaluated
- 12 by a practitioner?
- 13 Most of them, and if they're not seen by
- 14 a practitioner, there has to be defined guidelines
 - for why not and what -- what -- exactly how that
- 16 happens if they're not. The default should be that
- 17 they're all seeing a practitioner.
- 18 Q. And is the dividing line the line that
- you identify in your report that is between those 19
- 20 with trivial complaints and those with nontrivial
- 21 complaints?
- 22 A. There's no good way to define that, and
- I think patients define it themselves so any patient 23
- that says I want to see -- I want medical care, the
- default should be they see a practitioner just



2 So --Q.

3 A. -- just like they would in a

4 community.

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5 So your opinion is, in fact, that if an

6 inmate complains of some sort of medical symptom or

7 problem, seeking medical attention, that that

individual has to be seen by a practitioner in order

to satisfy the standard of care.

10 MR. WEIL: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: In most cases, yes. What 11

should happen in a jail is the same as what happens 12

13 in a community.

14 Q. (BY MR. JONES:) And what category of

15 cases is it that an individual in custody in a jail

16 asking for medical attention for some problem

doesn't need to be seen by a practitioner? 17

18 A. Okay. Any case in which there is a

prescription of a legacy drug, and a legacy is just 19

something that needs to be prescribed by a 20

21 practitioner. It cannot be -- it's illegal to --

22 you have to get it from a pharmacy.

23 Any encounter that involves a legacy

24 drug, the patient needs to be seen by a

25 practitioner. That's one.

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1 So is that a yes, Doctor?

> 2 Yes. In the community you cannot get a

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3 legacy drug without being seen by a practitioner,

4 and that's the way it should be in a jail as well.

5 Okay. So but what I'm trying to define

with you is the categories where it's not necessary 6

for an inmate in the jail complaining of a medical

problem to be seen physically by a practitioner.

And so far, I believe what you've identified for me 9

is in certain circumstances where the situation can

11 be resolved by an over-the-counter medication.

So far so good?

Α. Right.

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14 Q. Are there any other circumstances where

an inmate's making a complaint seeking medical care, 15

16 that the inmate does not have to be seen by a

practitioner in order to satisfy the standard of 17

18 care as you see it?

A. Well, if the patient doesn't want to see 19

20 a practitioner, if the patient doesn't need a legacy drug and is happy getting -- their problem can be 21

answered via -- via nursing protocols where a nurse 22

23 can take care of it, or deputies for that matter,

24 then no, they don't have to see a practitioner just

like they don't in the community.

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Any encounter that can be handled with

over-the-counter medications, so that in the

community a patient would not need to see a

practitioner but just go to the corner drugstore and

5 get it, in a jail you can't go to the corner

drugstore and get it so sometimes you have to go to 6

7 medical to get over-the-counter medications.

8 Many of those do not have to see a

practitioner. Those cases need to be well defined. 10 Who doesn't need to see a practitioner, what happens

11 when they make a complaint, how it's handled, but

those don't necessarily have to see a 12

13 practitioner.

14 Q. I'm sorry, for the legacy prescriptions

those do or don't have to see a practitioner? 15

16 A. You do. Just like if you want to get a

17 blood pressure medication in the community, you have

18 to see a practitioner.

19 Q. So if it's not a situation where the

20 individual's complaint can be treated or resolved by

21 an over-the-counter medication, the individual in a

22 jail has to be seen by a practitioner in order to

23 satisfy the standard of care.

24 Is that your opinion?

Just as it is in the community.

Page 224 So the instances where an individual in

a jail seeking medical care would not need to be 2

seen by a practitioner in order to satisfy the

4 standard of care, includes circumstances where the

problem can be resolved with an over-the-counter

medication, if the inmate refuses further medical

7 care, and if the situation can be resolved by a

8 nurse.

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So far so good?

10 A. Well, no. I mean, I wouldn't really

agree with that summary. I mean, this is -- this is -- if an inmate refuses medical care, that's a

13 whole -- another subject. Inmates have the right to

14 refuse medical care, but there's a lot of potholes

that you can sprain your ankle in in that road, and 15

we don't have to go through that. But if they're

17 refusing medical care, then they're not seeking

18 medical care.

19 If there are some instances where some 20 patients still need to be seen by a medical

21 practitioner, it depends on why they're refusing

22 medical care. If an -- if the patient wants

something that a nurse can give them, for example, 23

will you -- I'm having -- because of mobility issues

I'm having trouble clipping my toenails, if there's



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Jeffrey Keller, M.D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024 Page 225 Page 227 a service that a nurse can do that doesn't involve a Q. Your invoice in the case shows that you prescription drug, that would be an example of 2 have about forty hours in on the file up until the

something that can be handled by a nurse without 4 recourse to a practitioner.

5 So other than where the medical issue at question can be resolved with an over-the-counter 6

drug or is something that a nurse can resolve, are

there any other circumstances in your opinion where

an inmate complaining of a medical problem seeking

medical attention does not have to be seen by a

11 practitioner in order to satisfy the standard of

12 care?

13 Α. Well, I can't think of any at this

14 time.

15 Q. And ultimately, it's an issue of medical

16 judgment as to whether an inmate who's complaining

17 of a medical problem needs to be seen by a

practitioner; is that correct? 18

19 A. To some degree it is. Any time there's

a prescription of a legacy drug, and that includes 20

21 reauthorizing medicines that they came in with, any

22 time that that practitioner prescribes medications,

23 they have to be -- the patient should be seen by the

24 practitioner.

25 Q. In terms of your opinions about the date of your report, February 7th.

4 Do you recall that?

Yes.

And roughly, are you able to portion

those forty hours between the time you spent

reviewing records and other materials to form your

opinions and the portion of the forty hours that you

spent drafting your report? 10

A. I don't think so, no.

12 Do you have any records that would help

13 you divide the forty hours among record review

versus report writing? 14

A. I don't think so.

16 Do you know when you started writing the

17 report in this case?

18 A. I don't know, off the top of my head. I

19 have would have to -- I'd have to go back and

20 look.

21 Q. What would you look at?

22 I would look at my computer and see when

23 the first -- when I started working on the

24 document.

25 Very quickly, under Dalton Allen -- I'm

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training, orientation training provided by ACH, am I

correct that any training that you're basing that

opinion upon is listed among the materials that you 3

reviewed on pages 2 and 3 of your report?

A. I don't understand that question.

Q. So in your report you list the materials

that you considered in forming your opinions in this 7

8 case, correct?

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9 Α. Yes.

10 Q. And is that a complete list of the

11 materials you reviewed and considered in forming

12 your opinions in this case?

13 A. I believe so.

14 Q. And so if you have opinions about

15 orientation training provided by ACH, the basis --

the evidentiary basis for those opinions, that's 16

17 found among the documents listed in those you

considered in your report, correct? 18

19 Yes. There may -- ACH may have other

20 training materials that I have not reviewed, and if

21 I have not reviewed them, then I did consider

22 them.

23 The only ones you reviewed you've listed

in your report? 24

25 Α. Yes.

sharing my screen. 1

2 Can you see it?

3 You have to make it bigger.

4 Q. Sorry. Better?

5 Yes. Α.

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I'm showing you what's marked as Monroe

County 36380 through 36384, which is titled medical

8 history and health appraisal.

9 Do you see that?

10 Yes.

11 Q. From March 19th of 2021, correct?

12 Yes.

13 Do you recognize this as a document you

14 reviewed in considering the care given to

Mr. Allen? 15

16 I believe so, yes.

17 And this looks like some sort of history

and physical, right? 18

19 Α. Yes.

20 And it notes on page 4 of 5, so 36383,

it includes notes about his -- a dental screening, 21

22 correct?

23 Α. Yes.

24 And it -- it refers to the fact that he

25 had upper dentures, his own teeth, and his lower jaw



, (isc	Jeffrey Keller, M.I	D., FACEP, FACCP March 19, 2024
	1	Page 229 with two broken teeth, correct?	Page 231 1 MR. JONES: Thank you, Doctor.
	2	A. Yes.	2 I don't have any other questions.
	3	Q. And this is as of March of 2021, yes?	3 MR. CASSERLY: Can you stop sharing?
	4	A. Yes.	4 MR. JONES: Yes.
	- 5	Q. And it goes on to say that what he	5
	6	wanted was denture glue, but he did not want to be	6 EXAMINATION
	7	referred to anyone, correct?	7 BY MR. CASSERLY:
	8	A. Yes.	8 Q. Good afternoon, Doctor. My name is John
	9	Q. Is it fair to read that as saying he	9 Casserly. I'm the attorney for USA Medical. My
	10	didn't want to be referred out for dental care?	10 plane leaves in less than ninety minutes, so I have
	11	A. As of that day, he did not.	11 a couple of questions to start out.
	12	Q. And do you do you know of anything in	12 I will not be asking you for examples
	13	the file or chart that indicates that he changed his	13 unless I ask you for examples. Okay? Do you
	14	mind about not wanting to be referred out for dental	14 appreciate the I'm going to start over. And I'm
	15	care?	15 also not going to ask you for reasons for the
	16	A. No.	16 answers to my questions unless I say why.
	17	Q. And then lastly, because I don't think	17 Are those fair requests that I can make
	18	we got up until this point, I'm showing you what	18 of you at this point?
	19	I've got on the screen and I understand to be a copy	19 A. Sure.
	20	of your written report in this case.	20 MR. WEIL: Objection.
	21	Do you see that?	21 MR. CASSERLY: Okay.
	22	A. Yes.	22 Q. (BY MR. CASSERLY:) You have a business
	23	MR. JONES: Do you Steve, do you know	23 that you own called TFS Correctional Consultants; is
	24	what number we left off on? I think maybe 89?	24 that correct?
	25	MR. WEIL: Hold on one second. 89 is	25 A. Yes.
		Page 230	Page 232
	1	the last one.	1 Q. And you used to own a company with
	2	MR. JONES: So we'll mark this as	2 Badger in the name?
	3	Exhibit 90.	3 A. Yes.
	4	(Exhibit 90 was marked for	4 Q. Is that right?
	5	identification.)	5 A. Yes.
	6	Q. (BY MR. JONES:) Doctor, is this, in	6 Q. Can you give me the full name of the
	7	fact, and I can scroll through it if you'd like, but	7 Badger business once more, please?
	8	is this a complete copy of your report in this	8 A. Badger Medical, PA.
	9	case?	9 Q. PA?
	10	A. That's what it looks like.	10 A. Yeah. Professional association.
	11	Q. And at the back end of it is your CV,	11 Q. Okay. What kind of business
	12	correct?	12 organization was Badger Medical, PA?
	13	A. Yes.	13 A. It was a professional association. It
	14	Q. And this is actually a CV from January	14 was a corporation.
	15	of this year, correct?	15 Q. Okay. I'm going to start asking, have
	16	A. Yes.	16 you ever owned any other businesses besides those
	17	Q. And your January 2024 CV, is that a	17 two?
	18	complete and current copy of your CV?	18 A. No.
	19	A. (No audible response.)	19 Q. Okay. Were you the sole owner of
	20	Q. I'm sorry, did you answer?	20 Badger? I'm going to use the shortened version,
	21	A. What was the question?	21 just Badger.
	22	Q. The CV that's at the back of your	Were you the sole owner of Badger?
	23	report, Exhibit 90, is that a complete and current	
	24	copy of your curriculum vitae?	24 law required that a that such a company be owned
	25	A. It looks like it, yes.	25 only by a physician.



Q. Okay.

2 A. Later when Idaho changed its law, my

3 wife -- the short answer, my wife was a co-owner at

4 the time of the sale.

5 Q. Not to be pedantic, your Honor --

6 Doctor, although I think that's what I do for a

7 living, I would have said that the answer to that --

8 short answer to that question would have been no

9 because I asked you if you were always the sole

10 owner.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. I didn't want to know why or under what

13 circumstances you weren't the sole owner.

14 Would you agree that one of the main

15 reasons for forming a corporation rather than

16 running a business as a sole proprietorship is to

17 obtain the liability limitations inherent in

18 corporate ownership, right?

19 A. That's probably a little over my head.

20 That isn't why I set up my corporation, but not

21 something --

22 Q. Why -- why -- I'm sorry. I did not mean

23 to speak over you.

24 Please finish.

25 A. I think I'm done.

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1 Q. Okay. Why did you set up a corporation 2 rather than proceed as a sole proprietorship --

3 A. On the advice --

4 Q. -- for Badger?

5 A. On the advice of my attorney.

Q. Do you remember why your attorney told

7 you that it was a good idea to form Badger as a

8 corporation rather than run it as a sole

9 proprietorship?

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10 MR. WEIL: Okay. Hold on.

11 That's a privileged question.

12 Privileged legal advice, so I'm going to instruct

13 Dr. Keller not to answer.

14 MR. CASSERLY: I think my question was

15 whether he remembered why, which wouldn't be

16 privileged.

17 Wouldn't you agree?

18 MR. WEIL: Okay. Well, on that limited

19 answer, that's fine.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 Q. (BY MR. CASSERLY:) Do you remember,

22 Doctor?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Badger had a professional

25 liability insurance policy with a limit of one

1 million dollars for each claim.

2 Is that your best recollection?

3 A. Yes

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Q. Thinking back to the years that you

5 owned Badger, do you remember, as you sit here,

6 whether you kept retained earnings in the accounts

7 of Badger year over year?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And do you have a memory of how much you

10 left in Badger -- and a generalization or your best

11 estimate of average at this point would be great --

12 year over year, when you owned Badger how much you

13 would leave in there as profit?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How much would that be on average, your

16 best estimate of average?

17 A. Zero.

18 Q. And that's because at the end of each

19 year you would take the profits in order to avoid

20 income tax on that; is that right? Corporate income

21 tax?

22 A. Well, I assume that's the reason. We

23 did it on the advice of our accountant, but I

24 believe that the main reason was to avoid income

25 tax.

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1 Q. Okay. I apologize for these gaps when

2 I'm the one who's been whining about time, but I'm

3 skipping over parts of my outline that I don't need,

4 so....

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5 I'd like to pose to you a hypothetical

6 question about something that could have happened

7 when you owned Badger.

If Badger had been sued by a patient

9 inmate, and that inmate had received a verdict and

10 judgment against Badger for millions of dollars more

11 than your insurance policy, you'd agree that Badger,

12 under that circumstance, would not have had

13 sufficient capital to pay that judgment, would

14 they?

15 A. Well, in this hypothetical, that is 16 correct.

17 Q. Okay. Did Badger observe all the18 appropriate corporate formalities that you're aware

19 of?

20 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Do you have copies of meeting minutes from each year's shareholder meetings?

23 A. Yes

Q. And meeting minutes of each year's board

25 meetings?



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A. Yes.

- 2 Okay. Have you continually insured that
- Badger's filing requirements with the State of Idaho 3
- 4 have been met?
- 5 A. They were -- well, Badger doesn't exist
- 6 anymore, but until it was dissolved, yes.
- 7 Okay. Did Badger hold -- did Badger
- 8 issue shares of stock?
- 9 One. One share.
- 10 Q. Okay. And who held that share of
- stock? 11
- 12 Α. Me.
- 13 Okay. Did Badger pay any money to you,
- 14 the shareholder, in the form of dividends or did you
- 15 take all proceeds as payroll?
- 16 No dividends, if I remember correctly.
- 17 Okay. Did Badger have any officers or
- directors besides yourself? 18
- 19 Α. No.
- 20 Do you still have records in your Q.
- 21 possession that discuss the corporate formalities of
- 22 the existence of Badger?
- 23 A. I don't believe so. I think that they
- 24 went with the company that purchased Badger. I
- 25 think all of that went with them.

- 1 Q. And does TFS have a policy of

 - 2 professional liability insurance? No. I don't believe so.
 - 4 Okay. Does TFS have more than a nominal
 - 5 amount of financial corporate assets, say more than
 - ten thousand dollars maintained in its accounts?
 - Α. No.

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- But you do keep enough money in TFS to
- pay your debts, right? 9
- 10 Α. Yes.
- 11 Do you have any -- okay.
- 12 Does TFS observe all appropriate
- 13 corporate formalities?
- 14 Α. Yes.
- 15 Do you have meeting minutes of each
- 16 year's shareholder meeting?
- I'm not sure what the corporate 17
- formalities are for TFS because I'm not sure exactly 18
- 19 how it's structured. That's not my department, so
- I'm not sure. I don't -- I'm not sure even that it
- 21 is a corporation. It might not be. I don't know.
- 22 One second here. If the Idaho Secretary
- 23 of State's website says that TFS Correctional
- Consultants is a general business corporation, would
- you have any reason to disagree with that?

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- 1 Q. Okay. Looking back on your ownership of
- 2 Badger, even though there could have been a
- 3 circumstance where a judgment against Badger would
- have left it unable to satisfy that judgment
- creditor, a theoretical possibility that we
- 6 discussed, you don't believe that Badger was a mere
- facade of a corporation, do you? 7
- 8 MR. WEIL: Object to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't understand the
- 10 question.
- 11 Q. (BY MR. CASSERLY:) Sure.
- 12 You believe that Badger was at all times
- 13 in good faith operating as a corporate business,
- 14 right?
- 15 Α. Yes.
- 16 You don't -- you wouldn't agree if
- 17 someone accused you of sanctioning a fraud upon
- creditors with your ownership of Badger, right? 18
- 19 Well, it never happened, so I never had
- 20 that -- never had to cross that bridge.
- 21 Okay. Are you currently the sole owner
- 22 of TFS Correctional Consultants?
- 23 Yes. Α.
- And TFS is also a corporation, right? 24 Q.
- 25 Α. Yes. I believe so.

- Page 240 No. But, yes, I don't have any reason
- 2 to disagree with that.
 - Q. Thank you.
- 4 Do you have meeting minutes of each
- 5 year's board meetings?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Okay. I don't think I got an answer to
- 8 my previous question about whether you had copies of
- 9 meeting minutes of each year's shareholder meetings.
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Okay. Have you made sure that TFS's
- filing requirements with the State of Idaho have
- 13 been met?

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- 14 A. Well, between my accountant and my
- attorney, I believe that all that's taken care of. 16 Okay. If that same website at the Idaho
- 17 Secretary of State's office indicates that TFS
- Correctional is inactive, dash, dissolved
- administrative, would you have any reason to 19
- 20 disagree with that?
- 21 Α. No, I don't. I don't know.
- 22 Q. Okay. You would disagree if someone
- 23 accused you and TFS of -- of sanctioning a fraud,
- 24 wouldn't you?
- 25 Yes. I would disagree with that.



Page 241 Page 243 Q. Okay. You don't believe that your Q. Was that independent of your review --2 operation of TFS promotes any injustice? well, describe the relationship between that and the 3 A. No. review of the Monroe County cases in terms of the 4 MR. CASSERLY: Okay. Doctor, you have basis of your description or pattern of care? THE COURT REPORTER: Counsel, you're 5 been very understanding of my anxiety about catching 5 my plane and asking sharply worded and sounding going to have to speak up. 6 6 7 questions. I apologize for that, and I have no 7 Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) Sure. I'll ask it --8 further questions. 8 did you hear the question. Dr. Keller? 9 MR. WEIL: Okay. I think that's it for 9 A. I didn't hear the question all the way. 10 all the defendants, right? 10 I'm sorry. 11 MR. CASSERLY: Yes. 11 Q. Okay. Let me -- I've got to turn 12 MR. KAFKA: Take a guick break if we something up here. 12 13 could go off the record. 13 Did the cases involving outside medical 14 (Discussion off the record.) care outside of Monroe County form a basis for your 14 15 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Casserly, what opinion about there being a pattern of improper 15 16 do you need with your transcript order? 16 medical care? 17 MR. WEIL: Okay. 17 Α. Yes. 18 MR. CASSERLY: Okay. 18 Q. Was that the case whether or not 19 MR. WEIL: Thanks. 19 regardless of who -- did that depend or was it 20 MR. CASSERLY: I know we're not done. independent of the Monroe County cases to be 20 21 I'm going to listen by phone, but I would like just 21 reviewed? 22 a searchable PDF with scanned PDF exhibits. 22 MR. JONES: Objection to form. 23 MR. WEIL: Okay. So Dr. Keller, you can 23 MR. WEIL: What's the objection? 24 turn off the mike and the camera real quick, and I'm 24 MR. JONES: I don't understand what going to do the same, and let's just take a break 25 you're asking him. Page 242 Page 244 and we'll reconvene for any questions. 1 MR. WEIL: Okay. 1 2 Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) Dr. Keller, can you try 2 (A brief recess was had.) 3 3 to answer the question? **EXAMINATION** 4 It was an independent verification of my 4 5 opinions, and it was probably in some way stronger BY MR. WEIL: because they were all deaths. So they were all 6 Q. Okay. Dr. Keller, would you pull up mortality reviews rather than morbidity reviews, 7 your report, please, and turn to pages -- page 19 8 and 20? 8 which were the majority of the Monroe County 9 A. Okay. I'm ready. 9 cases. 10 10 Q. Okay. You were asked -- you talked If we just set aside all of the Monroe about medical care. I'm just reading from the first 11 County cases and you looked -- if we're considering time -- the medical case I reviewed in this report, just the outside cases, is your conclusion about the 12 13 both within the Monroe County Jail and at other 13 pattern, the observations you made here, would that 14 facilities, bear a striking resemblance to 14 apply? 15 Α. 15 Ms. Boyer's case. Yes. 16 Is that -- I'm sorry, there's some sort 16 Okay. You were asked about statistical 17 of alarm going off. I'll be right back, I 17 significance of your -- well, let me -- would you 18 turn to page 9, please, Dr. Keller, of your report? 18 apologize. 19 Sure. 19 (Pause in the proceedings.) A. 20 20 (BY MR. WEIL:) Dr. Keller, I apologize Q. And turn -- if you'd read, there's 21 21 review of records, care of other patients, and the for the interruption there. 22 second paragraph beginning: I have conducted. 22 The discussion you have of the outside 23 cases, does that form a basis for the opinions you 23 Do you see that? 24 I have conducted this review in the

manner of mortality and morbidity in signal event

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offer regarding the pattern of care.

Yes.

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1	Page 245 reviews.	1	Page 247 MR. JONES: Do you recall I believe		
2	Q. That's the one. If you read that	2	you referred to the spreadsheet that you had and		
3	paragraph real quick and I have a question.	3	the well, let me ask you this: In your		
4	A. Do you want me to read it out loud?	4	experience with the jail, is it your about what		
5	Q. You don't have to, no.	5	portion of folks have medical issues requiring		
6	A. Yes, I've read it.	6	sustained medical attention at all?		
7	Q. Okay. Did this review did the review	7	MR. WEIL: Objection to form.		
8	you conducted here depend on statistical measures of	8	THE WITNESS: I don't know what the		
9	care provided among the other care provided at	9	percentage is. Jail people incarcerated in jail		
10		10	tend to be younger and healthier than the population		
11	A. No. As I said before, I never intended	11	at large.		
12		12	As a group, there are a lot of healthy		
13		13	young men who have no medical problems and never		
14		14	have medical complaints. What percentage that is,		
15	-	15	I'm not sure.		
16	-	16	Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) Is it the case would		
17		17	you expect a lot of people to require medical care		
18	-	18	going in well, strike that.		
19	•	19	How many of those people just never		
20	•	20	of the group you described, is it a large percentage		
21	Q. For your purposes in conducting your	21	who don't ever get medical care at all in jail, or		
22		22	do all of them end up getting medical care?		
23		23	MR. JONES: Objection to form.		
24		24	MR. KAFKA: Join.		
25	•	25	MR. WEIL: What's the objection?		
			,		
1	Page 246 Q. Why not?	1	Page 248 MR. JONES: I'm not sure. I think the		
2	A. Because I wasn't looking at the	2	question was vague as to what group of incarcerated		
3	difference of scope of practice between an LPN and	3	people you're asking him about.		
4	an R.N. I was looking at the scope of practice of a	4	MR. WEIL: Okay.		
5	nurse versus an advance practice nurse or other kind	5	THE WITNESS: Are you waiting for me to		
6	of practitioner.	6	answer?		
7	Q. Do you remember being asked about six	7	MR. WEIL: No. I'm trying to address		
8	years of medical records?	8	the objection so we can get out of here.		
9	A. Yes.	9	Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) I'm showing you the		
10	Q. Referring to the overall universe?	10	spreadsheet, Dr. Keller, that has been referred to a		
11	A. Yes.	11	few times. Do you see column F with the number		
12	Q. What's your understanding of the	12	designation there?		
13	universe of medical records that were gathered at	13	A. Yes.		
14	the Monroe County Jail for your review?	14	Q. Okay. And after there's a hundred		
15	A. We had one year of review, one year of	15	and twenty that get four or higher, right?		
16	medical records. Some we had a few there were	16	A. Yes.		
17	a few cases beyond that, and some of the records	17	Q. Okay. And then the rest, just scrolling		
18	that I got included that bookings from before. So a	18	down here, are twos or ones, and then there's some		
19	patient that had been booked in the year that we got	19	change at the bottom.		
20	them had also been booked in previous years.	20	Do you see that?		
21	Q. Was there a did you have an	21	A. Yes.		
22	understanding or were you provided with a full six	22	Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of		
23	years of medical records for the jail?	23	what those lower numbers mean?		
24	A. No. As I understand it, there was one	24	A. There are a lot of people who come to		
25	year of medical records provided.	25	jail who have no medical problems and never make a		
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medical request. So the only time they see medical 1 that I was not on mute, but

2 is at intake, and then if they're there long enough

3 at a year, regularly scheduled medical exams, and

4 then any time they put in a request to see medical,

5 but many never put in a request to see medical.

6 Q. Is that consistent with your experience

7 as a correctional health care provider in terms of

8 there being a large percentage of people who don't

9 request medical care at all?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And so would it be -- well, strike that.

12 Dr. Keller, if you turn to page 6 of

13 your report. Let me know when you're there.

14 A. Yes, I'm there.

15 Q. Okay. So I'm looking at the second

16 paragraph in staffing because when a patient

17 complains of chest pain, abdominal pain, or any

18 other nontrivial complaint.

19 Do you see that?

20 A. Yes.

Q. And you and Mr. Jones had an extended

22 conversation about that.

23 And abdominal pain is nontrivial why?

24 A. Abdominal pain is nontrivial because it

25 has potential serious consequences of death or

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1 that I was not on mute, but I have to send you all

2 through a metal detector, if you'll give me less

3 than one minute without asking a question.

4 MR. WEIL: Sure.

5 MR. CASSERLY: Thank you.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

MR. CASSERLY: Thank you. You've all

8 been X-rayed.

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9 Go ahead.

10 Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) I think the guestion

11 that I had while you were describing abdominal pain

12 as having a number of serious etiologies -- and

13 that's etiology for the court reporter.

14 The same would be true of chest pain; is

15 that correct?

16 A. Yes.

Q. And is it potentially serious etiology

18 that makes a complaint nontrivial?

19 A. Well, that's one of the things that

20 makes a complaint nontrivial. Another that makes it

21 nontrivial is that the patient asks to be -- for an

22 evaluation. And another thing is that the -- the

23 encounter ends up with a prescription of a legacy

24 medication.

25 But of those, probably the most

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1 morbidity, and people with abdominal pain can get

2 really sick.

3 Q. Would that be etiology of abdominal

4 pain? Is that a serious etiology? Is that what

5 you're describing?

6 A. What I'm describing is that the broad

7 category of abdominal pain contains a large

8 number -- the broad category of abdominal pain

9 contains a large --

10 MR. WEIL: John, I don't think you're on

11 mute. Let's just go ahead, Dr. Keller. Sorry about

12 that.

13 THE WITNESS: The large category of

14 abdominal pain contains a lot of things on the

15 differential diagnosis that can cause serious harm;

16 appendicitis, bowel obstructions, many, many things

17 like that, so more than other types of complaints,

18 there's a higher likelihood of someone having a

19 serious outcome.

20 Q. (BY MR. WEIL:) Is that -- is that

21 generally the reason you would include chest pain

22 there as well?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And so those both have --

25 MR. CASSERLY: I'm sorry, I just see

important is this one, the complaints that there
 are -- complaints that have a higher possibility of
 serious or negative outcomes.

4 Q. When we were -- if you turn to page 18

5 and 19 of your report, paragraphs 9, 10, and 11, did

6 you see those three cases there, Dr. Keller?

A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. I think when we were going over

9 this yesterday, you identified those as cases that

10 you reviewed, but they weren't in the documents

11 listed on page 2 of your report; is that right?

12 A. That is correct.

The list of cases that I reviewed did
not include those, and I did review them obviously
since they are in the report.

16 Q. So did you review documents underlying17 those three cases Listale (phonetic), Riggin, and

18 Hinkle?

A. Yes.

20 MR. WEIL: Okay. Doctor, that's all I

21 have.

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22 Thank you.

23 MR. JONES: Doctor, there's really just

24 one thing I want to follow up on, and that's in

25 reference to this Excel spreadsheet again that



March 19, 2024 Page 253 Page 255 Mr. Weil asked you about briefly. THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Weil? 1 2 2 MR. WEIL: No copy at this time -- no, 3 **FURTHER EXAMINATION** 3 we'll take a copy. What am I saying? Just a BY MR. JONES: searchable PDF, no index, and exhibits. Same 4 5 Q. Do you know what the difference between 5 thing. 6 a five and a four in column F is? 6 THE COURT REPORTER: And Mr. Kafka, A. As I understand it, the -- it's a you're e-mailing the exhibits to me, correct? difference in possibility of a medical -- bad 8 MR. KAFKA: I will, yes. 9 THE COURT REPORTER: Do you want me to 9 medical event. 10 Q. And how did you gain that? 10 give you the e-mail address real quick? A. Five would be the highest possibility, 11 11 MR. KAFKA: No, I actually copied it four would be next, all the way down to one being 12 already. Thank you, though. 13 zero. 13 THE COURT REPORTER: Perfect. And how did you gain that 14 14 Q. And did you want to read and sign your 15 understanding? 15 transcript or waive signature? Mr. Weil or one of his team told me. 16 16 THE WITNESS: Yes. Read and sign. 17 And when was that? 17 (Whereupon, the videoconference 18 A. When I got the -- when I got this when 18 deposition concluded at 6:21 p.m.) 19 they sent it to me. 19 20 Q. Because I understood you when I was 20 21 asking you questions before to not know what column 21 22 F described. 22 23 23 A. Oh, no, no, no. I don't know what 24 column A, B, and D -- well or -- but F, yes, I did. I don't think that's true. We'll have to go back to 25 Page 254 Page 256 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE the transcript, but I knew what F described. 1 2 STATE OF IDAHO 2 Fair enough. Fair enough. COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE 3 And do you know what the dividing line 3 between a four and a five is or between a four and a 5 6 I. DiAnn Erdman Prock, CSR, CCR, a duly 5 three is? commissioned Notary Public in and for the State of 6 Α. No. Idaho, do hereby certify: That prior to being examined, JEFFREY 8 7 And is that true of the lines between KELLER, M.D., FACEP, FACCP, the witness named in the 8 each of the categories, one through five? foregoing videoconference deposition, was by me duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and 9 Α. Yes. nothing but the truth; 10 10 That said videoconference deposition was MR. JONES: That's all I had. 11 taken down by me in shorthand at the time and place 11 Thank you. therein named and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my direction, and that the foregoing 12 MR. WEIL: Anyone else? transcript contains a full, true, and verbatim 13 MR. KAFKA: One second, please. 13 record of said videoconference deposition spoken in my direct presence or received by me via electronic 14 MR. CASSERLY: Casserly has no follow 14 transmission. 15 up. I further certify that I have no interest in the event of the action. 15 16 MR. KAFKA: No. That's it. WITNESS my hand and seal this 28th day of DiAnn Erdman Prock 16 17 THE COURT REPORTER: Counsel, I need to March, 2024. COMMISSION NO. 51352 17 NOTARY PUBLIC know -- Mr. Casserly, what do you want with your 18 18 STATE OF IDAHO 19 19 transcript order? 20 20 MR. CASSERLY: Just a searchable PDF 21 lia 21 with PDF exhibits attached. 22 DiAnn Erdman Prock 22 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Kafka? Idaho CSR SRL 963, CCR 23 Notary Public in and for 23 MR. KAFKA: I'll take the same. the State of Idaho THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Jones? 24 24 My commission expires November 26, 2025. 25 MR. JONES: Same.



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